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NOTICE.

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Births.

CLARK.—On the 13th of January, to Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus Clark (née Rose Rootstein), of 16, Randolph-street, Sunderland, a son. Bris Milah on Monday, January 20th, 9 a.m. Relatives and friends kindly accept this intimation.

DRUKKER.—On the 15th of January, at 41, Wiesbaden-road, Stoke Newington, to Mr. and Mrs. N. Drukker a daughter. No cards.

HARRIS.—On the 12th of January, at 81, Clinton-road, Bow, E., to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harris (née Jane Cohen), a son. Bris Milah, Sunday, January 19, at 2 p.m. No cards.

ISRAEL.—On Tuesday, the 14th of January, at 28, Bancroft-road, Mile End, to Mr. and Mrs. Berney Israel (née Ethel Hyman), a son. Bris Milah, Wednesday next, at 3.30. Please accept this, the only intimation.

MARKS.—On Sunday, the 12th of January, 1913, at 282, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., to Mr. and Mrs. M. Marks (née Fanny Hernstater), a daughter. Relatives and friends kindly accept this only intimation. No cards.

ROSENBERG.—On Tuesday, the 14th of January, at 21, High-street,, Ealing, the wife of Harry Rosenberg (née Sophy Muscovitch), a daughter.

STERN.—On the 10th of January, at 29, Greencroft-gardens, N.W., to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stern, a daughter.

STUNGO.—On the 13th of January, at 18, Londsdale-terrace, Edinburgh, to Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Stungo (née Helena Kaplan, of Riga), a daughter. American and African papers please copy.

SUSMAN.—On the 11th of January, at 273, Cheetham Hill-road, Manchester, to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Susman, a daughter.

Barmitzvah.

LLIS.—Alexander Reuben, only son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Ellis, of 16, Longwood-avenue, S. C. Road, Dublin, will read a portion of the Law at the Adelaide-road Synagogue on Saturday, the 25th January.

ALK.—Samuel and Joshua, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Falk, 89, Hartington-road, Sefton-park, Liverpool, will read a portion of the Law in the Prince's-road Synagogue, Liverpool, on January 25th, 1913.

ELDMAN.—Louis, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Feldman, 15, Balfour-street, Dundee, will read the Law and Haphtorah at the synagogue on January 25th. Relatives and friends, please accept this intimation.

RANK.—On Saturday, the 18th of January, Sydney, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Frank, of Georgian House, Bury-street, St. James', S.W., will read a portion of the Law at the Central Synagogue, Great Portland-street, W.

PAROS.—Nathan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Paros, of "Avalon," 250, Green-lanes, Finsbury Park, London, N., will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Adass Yisroel Synagogue, 162-164, Green-lanes, N., on Saturday, January 25th, פ׳ יתרו. "At home," Saturday, January 25th, from 3. No cards. Foreign papers please copy.

Betrothals.

ALEXANDER : SEFTOR (Seftalovitz).—Rosa, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myer Alexander, of 16, South Clerk-street, Edinburgh, to Bert Seftor (Seftalovitz), son of the late Mr. B. Seftalovitz, and grandson of Mr. M. Seftalovitz, of 55, Great Garden-street, Whitechapel, London, E., and eldest son of Mrs. G. Camberg,, of Edinburgh. American, Australian, and African papers please copy.

GREEN : REED.—Freda, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Green, of 384, Cowbridge-road, Cardiff, to Ruby, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Reed, 17, Turberville-place, Cardiff.

LEVY : ISAACSON.—Violet, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Levy, "Woodville," Hampden-terrace, Eastbourne, to Alfred Rayne, o Bayswater, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Isaacson, Fye Bridge, Norwich.

SCHNEIDERMAN : HAVINE.—Esther, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Schneiderman, of 2a, Tenter-street-north, Aldgate, to Paul Havine, of 3, St. Mark Villas, Dalston, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Havine, of Colonie Moytzo, Palestine.

UMLAUF : ROSENBERG.—Dolly, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Umlauf, of 54, Farleigh-road, Stoke Newington, to Cyril, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg, of 137, Sandringham-road, West Hackney.

WHITEHEAD : TURNER.—Hilda, only daughter of the late Marcus and Henrietta Whitehead, of Birmingham, and Julius, youngest son of Friede and the late Benjamin Turner, of 14, Gloucester-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Forthcoming Marriage.

HYAMS : HYMAN.—On Monday, the 20th of January, at the German Synagogue, Raie, second daughter of Mrs. and the late Solomon Hyams, of 30, Spurstowe-road, Hackney, to Sara Hyman, of Belfast. Ceremony, 1 o'clock. No cards.

Marriages.

ABRAHAMS : LEVY.—On the 12th of January, 1913, at Philpot-street Synagogue, Mark Abrahams, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Abrahams, of 171, Cable-street, St. George's, E., to Florrie Levy, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mark Levy, of 127, Whitechapel-road, E.

BARNETT : BERRYMAN.—On the 13th of January, 1913, Lillie, daughter of Mrs. B. Barnett, 32, Maida Vale, W., and the late B. Barnett, to Chester C. Berryman, of 267, Lauderdale-mansions, W.

BARCLAY : LUCAS.—On the 12th of January, 1913, at "Riviera," Lansdowne-place, Hove, by the Rev. A. C. Jacobs, assisted by the Rev. A. Levison, Minnie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Barclay, to Hessel, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Israel Lucas, of Edinburgh.

BECKER : WISENTHAL.—On the 12th of January, 1913, at the Great Synagogue, Duke's-place, by the Rev. Dayan Dr. Hyamson, LL.D., assisted by the Rev. S. Mersky, Fanny, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Becker, of 17, Lamb-street, E., to Isidor, 4th son of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. Wisenthal, of 4, Shacklewell-lane, Dalston, N.E. French, Roumanian, and American papers please copy.

BENJAMIN : LANGNER.—On the 15th of January, at the Synagogue, Lauderdale-road, W., Louis E. Benjamin, K.C., of Cape Town, South Africa, to Lilian, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berthold D. Langner, of 63, Warrington-crescent, Maida Vale, W.

DAVIDSON : AGULNEK.—On the 8th of January, 1913, at the Great Synagogue, Russell-street, Liverpool, by the Rev. R. J. Cooperstein, and the Rev. I. Raffalovich, assisted by Rabbi Rabinowitz, Bessie, youngest daughter of Mr. Hyman and the late Mrs. Davidson, of Juvenal-street, Liverpool, to Leslie, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Agulnek, of Park-lane, Liverpool.

ELIASCHEFF : FINERMAN.—On Tuesday, the 14th of January, at the Waldorf Hotel, by the Rev. I. S. Meisels, assisted by the Rev. S. Perlzweig, Cecile Eliascheff, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Eliascheff, of 25 Drylands-road, Crouch End, N., to Mark Finerman, second son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Finerman, of 83, Rectory-road, Stoke Newington.

FRANKS : ABRAHAMS.—On Wednesday, the 1st of January, 1913, at the Leazes Park-road Synagogue, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by the Rev. M. H. Segal, assisted by the Rev. M. Franklin, Barney Franks, of 93, Milton-road, West Hartlepool, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Franks, 95, Thornton-street, West Hartlepool, to Ray, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Abrahams, of 21, Blenheim-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GASTER : NATHAN.—On the 15th of January, at the residence of the bride's mother, Maismore-mansions, Canfield-gardens, Anghel Gaster, M.D., M.R.C.P. London, of 68, Greencroft-gardens, Hampstead, to Mrs. Alice Nathan, widow of the late Henry Nathan.

GESTETNER : BARNETT.—On Tuesday, the 14th of January, 1913, by the Rev. Victor Schönfeld, assisted by the Revs. I. Samuel and Gelfer, Elsa, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Gestetner, 124, Highbury New-park, to Montague, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Barnett, of 46, Portsdown-road.

JOSEPH : O'KELLY.—On Tuesday, the 14th of January, at the Synagogue, Hill-street, Regent's Park, by Rabbi I. I. Mattuck, Edgar Joseph, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.), 11, Princes-street, Cavendish-square, to May O'Kelly, Hotel Great Central.

LEVY : ROSENBERG.—On the 8th of January, at Garnethill Synagogue, Glasgow, by the Rev. E. P. Phillips, assisted by the Rev. I. Levine and the Rev. M. Abrahams, B.A., Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mr. P. Levy, Queen's-terrace, Glasgow, W, to Louis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Rosenberg, Leeds.

NEWMAN : SPAN.—On the 7th of January, at the Great Synagogue, Manchester, by the Rev. Dr. B. Salomon and the Revs. H. Newman (father of the bride) and H. Levin, Rebecca Newman to Bernard Span, of Glasgow.

ZWANENBERG-PHILLIPS : JACOBS.—On the 9th of January, at Upper Berkeley Street Synagogue, by the Rev. Morris Joseph assisted by the Rev. Isidore Harris, Godfrey, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Zwanenberg, of St. Ermin's Hotel, to Dorothy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Jacobs, of 54, Belsize-park, Hampstead, N.W.

Deaths.

BENZECRY.—On the 9th of January, Esther, wife of Raphael Benzecry, of 34, Inverness-terrace, Bayswater, W., and late of Gibraltar (née Esther Mocatta), aged 50.

BERG.—On the 10th of January, at 23, Wilkes-street, Spitalfields, Fanny, beloved wife of Simon Berg. Deeply mourned by her husband, son and daughters.

BERLINER.—On the 15th of January, at 6, Marlborough-place, N.W., the Rev. Berman Berliner, Minister of the St. John's Wood Synagogue. Funeral will leave the Synagogue to-day (Friday) at 12 noon for Willesden Cemetery.

BRADLAW.—On Friday, the 10th of January, at 146, Inverness-terrace, W., Emma, the dearly beloved wife of Dr. David Bradlaw God rest her soul in peace.

BRADLAW.—On the 10th of January, at 146, Inverness-terrace, W., Emma, the dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Robinson, Great Central Hotel.

BRADLAW.—On the 10th of January, at 146, Inverness-terrace, W., Emma, the dearly loved sister of Mrs. Frederick Graham Emanuel.

BRADLAW.—On the 10th of January, at 140, Inverness-terrace, Emma, dearly beloved sister of Louis Robinson, 107, Finchley-road, N.W. Deeply mourned.

COHEN.—On the 14th of January, at "Courtlands," East Grinstead, after a long illness, Nathaniel Louis Cohen, of "Courtlands," East Grinstead, and 11, Hyde Park-terrace, London, aged 67, youngest son of the late Louis Cohen. No flowers by special request, but if desired a memorial gift to the "Marie Celeste" Samaritan Society of the London Hospital. The funeral will leave 11, Sussex-square, Hyde Park, on Friday, January 17th, at 11.30 a.m., for Willesden.

DAVIS.—On the 11th of January, at 81, Hill-top Mount, Roundhay, Leeds, Israel Davis, aged 77. Deeply mourned by his sorrowing children; Michael Davis, of Johannesburg; Mrs. H. Davis, of Kroonstad; and Augusta Davis, of Leeds.

DRAPKIN.—On the 13th of January, at 8, Garlinge-road, Brondesbury, Sonia, wife of the late Charles Drapkin, and mother of Major Drapkin, aged 62.

FELDMAN.—On the 11th of January, at the Lozells, Birmingham, Moses Feldman, aged 84. God rest his soul.

GRONER.—On the 15th of January, at 40, Canfield-gardens, West Hampstead, Ernestine, beloved wife of Bernard Groner. Burial at Willesden to-day (Friday), 1.15 p.m. The only intimation.

ISAACS.—On the 13th of January, at 49, Stepney Green, Sarah, aged 71, beloved wife of Isaac Isaacs, mother of Mark, Lew, and Tom Isaacs, Debby Green, Annie Myers, and Millie Green. Shiva at the above address.

LEWIN.—On the 10th of January, after a short illness, at 3, Bow-road, Harry Lewin (late of 8, Leman-street), beloved husband of Bloomah Lewin. Deeply mourned by his sorrowing wife, mother, sons and daughters, father of Maurice Lewin, Mrs. Barney Bernhardt, Mrs. Louis Dros, Mrs. George Charik, Ray and Joseph Lewin. May his dear soul rest in peace. Shiva at above address. African and American papers please copy.

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Deaths.

Continued.)

LEVENE.—On the 11th of January, at 73, Chamber-street, E., Israel, the beloved husband of Celia Levene, aged 56 years. Deeply mourned by his dear wife, sons and daughters, relatives, and a large circle of friends. Rest in peace. African and American papers please copy.

PAPIER.—On Monday, the 13th of January, at 1, Palmer-street, Spitalfields, E., Simon Papier (Pepper), aged 47, the dearly beloved husband of Sophia, affectionate father of Andrew, Clara, Henry, Isaac, Michael, Ray, and Esther. Deeply mourned by his sorrowing wife, children, father, father-in-law, brothers, sister, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives, and large number of friends. May his dear soul rest in peace. Shiva at above address. Dutch and African papers please copy.

PAPIER.—On Monday, the 13th of January, at 1, Palmer-street, Spitalfields, E., Simon, dearly beloved son of Andrew Papier, sen., beloved brother of Phillip, Kitty, (Mrs. Nicklesberg), 2, Palmer-street, Spitalfields; Abraham and Dick, of 22, Elder-street, Norton Folgate. May his dear soul rest in peace. Shiva at 2, Palmer-street, Spitalfields.

PAPIER.—On Monday, the 13th of January, at 1, Palmer-street, Spitalfields, E., Simon, dearly beloved brother of Michael Papier, 16 Fleur-de-lis-street, Norton Folgate. May his dear soul rest in peace. Shiva at 1, Palmer-street, Spitalfields, E.

PARK.—On the 12th of January, at 2, Holy-place, Stepney Green, E., Eleazar (Liza), in his 60th year. Beloved brother of Joseph Park, of 92, Evering-road, Stoke Newington, N. May his dear soul rest in peace.

PARK.—On the 12th of January, at 2, Holy-place, Stepney Green, E., Eleazar (Liza), in his 60th year, beloved brother of Judah Park, of 189, Oxford Street, Stepney, E. May his dear soul rest in peace.

SALMON.—On the 8th of January—Tebeth 29th, at 32, Windsor-street, Glasgow, John Salmon, in his 53rd year. Deeply mourned and sadly missed by his sorrowing wife, children, sisters and brother. May his soul rest in peace.

SALMON.—On the 8th of January—Tebeth 29th, at 32, Windsor-street, Glasgow, John Salmon, in his 53rd year. Deeply mourned by his sisters, Mrs. Henry, 2, St. Mary's-place, Glasgow; the Misses Salmon, 15, Theobald's-road, London; Mrs. Sandground, 99, Guildford-street, London; and brother, Mr. A. Salmon, 22, High-street, Putney.

SEEGAR.—On the 14th of January, 1913, at 21, Carlton-road, Globe-road, Mile End, Charlotte Seegar, mother of W. Seegar, 42, Kenninghall-road, Clapton, N.E.; Mrs. J. Tramberg, "The Duke of Cambridge,". Mile End Gate, E.; Mrs. L. S. Tauer, 2' Ashville-avenue, Leeds; Mrs. A. Bernkop, Brooklyn, New York; Mrs. H. Solomons, 21, Carlton-road, Mile End, E.; and Miss Rose Seegar, 21, Carlton-road, E. Deeply mourned by her children, grandchildren, and relatives.

In Memoriam.

BURCHELL.—In ever loving memory of Lily Burchell, the dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burchell, who departed this life January 22nd, 1911, corresponding with Tebeth 22nd, 5671. Deeply mourned and sadly missed by her devoted parents, brothers, and sisters. May her dear soul rest in peace.—37, Bow-rd., E.

BURCHELL.—In ever loving memory of my dearly beloved sister, Lily Burchell, who departed this life January 22nd, 1911—Tebeth 22nd, 5671. Sadly missed by her devoted sister. May her dear soul rest in peace.—Mrs. B. Emanuel, 14, Caxton-street, Bow, E.

COHEN.—In ever loving and sacred memory of dear Goody, who on January 18th, 1912, passed peacefully to his rest. "While my heart beats thy memory lives."

DAVIS.—In loving memory of our dear parents, Eleanor Davis, died January 13th, 1889—Shebat 11th; David Davis, died February 5th, 1901—Shebat 16th.

DAVIS.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved husband and father, Morris Davis, who passed away Shebat 10th, 5672—January 29th, 1912. Deeply mourned by his sorrowing wife, sons, and daughters. God rest his soul in everlasting peace.—34, Park-street, Cheetham, Manchester.

FRIEND.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Amelia Friend, who died Shebat 9th, 5666, and of our dear father and grandfather, Herman Friend, who died Adar 2nd, 5666. May their souls rest in peace.—Joseph, "The Beeches," Moortown, Leeds.

GREENBERG.—In loving memory of Simeon Greenberg, of Birmingham, 9th of January, 1881—9th of Shebat, 5641.

HARRIS.—In ever loving memory of our dear father, Alexander (Alec) Harris, late of 24, Bloomsbury-square, W.C., who died January 12th, 1905.—Sophie, Sadie, and Alfred.

HYAM.—In ever loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Carrie Laurence Hyam, who passed away February 5th, 1906—Shebat 10th, 5666.

ISAACS.—In ever loving memory of our beloved husband and father, Lewis Isaacs, late of Brecknock-road, who passed away January 19th, 1903. May his dear soul rest in everlasting peace.—75, Canfield-gardens, Hampstead.

ISRAEL.—In loving memory of our darling mother, Rachael Israel, who departed this life the 11th of Shebat, 1899. Gone, but never forgotten by her loving children.—9, Wentworth-street.

KAUFFMAN.—In ever loving and affectionate memory of our darling mother, Mrs. Clara Kauffman, who departed this life January 23rd, 1911. Thy true and tender love is for ever in thy children's hearts. God rest her dear soul in everlasting peace.

LEVY.—In loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Sarah Levy, who departed this life on the 15th January, 1912, corresponding with 25th Tebeth, 5672. God rest her dear soul in peace. Gone from our home—not from our hearts—never forgotten.—29, Alderney-road, Mile End.

LEVY.—In loving and affectionate remembrance of Sarah Levy, the dearly beloved mother of Josh. Levy, who passed away January 15th, 1912. God rest her dear soul in peace.—24, Stockwell-road, S.W.

LEVY.—In ever loving memory of my dearly beloved mother, Sarah Levy, who departed this life on January 15th, 1912. Sadly missed by her son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren. This day so sad to recall is the day remembered by us all. May God rest her dear soul in peace. Amen.—Mr. R. Levy, 77, Harford-street, Mile End, E.

LEVY.—In ever loving memory of my dearly beloved mother, Sarah Levy, who departed this life on January 15th, 1912. Sadly missed by her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren. Gone from our home, but not our hearts. May God rest her dear soul in peace. Amen.—Mrs. N. Crabb, 44, Great Queen-street, Kingsway, W.C.

LEVY.—In ever loving memory of my dear mother, Sarah Levy, who passed away January 15th, 1912. God rest her dear soul.—Dinah, 41A, Morgan-street, Bow.

LEVY.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Brinah Levy, who departed this life February 2nd, corresponding with 14th Shebat. Sadly missed by her sorrowing children, Mrs. I. Levy, 3, Centre-street, Montreal, Mrs. M. Freeman, Mrs. S. Samuels, Abraham and Julia. Gone, never to be forgotten.

PHILLIPS.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Esther Phillips, who passed away January 18th, 1910—Shebat 10th, 5670. God rest her dear soul. Amen.—H. Phillips, 8, Whitechapel-road.

PYSER.—In memory of our dear husband and father, Albert Harris Pyser, who passed away 9th Shebat, 5672. "To live in our hearts is not to die."

SERUYA.—In cherished and unfading memory of Simon Seruya, who passed into the Great Unknown, January 20th, 1910. An inexpressible sorrow.

TOFF.—In loving memory of our darling wife and mother, Rebecca Toff, who departed this life Shebat 9th, 1907. God rest her dear soul.

TOFF.—In ever loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Rebecca Toff, who departed this life 9th Shebat, 5667—January 22rd, 1907. May her dear soul rest in peace. Mr. and Mrs. A. Valentine and family, 44, Dock-street, E.

Tombstones to be Set.

DAVIS.—The tombstone in loving memory of Sarah Davis will be consecrated on Sunday, January 19th, at 12.30, at Willesden.

FRANKENSTEIN.—The tombstone in loving memory of Fanny, the beloved wife of Simon Frankenstein, late of Southport, and daughter of Mrs. Levy, 73, Eton-avenue, Hampstead, will be consecrated at Willesden Cemetery on Sunday, January 26th, at 3 o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

HARRIS.—The consecration of the tomb at Willesden Cemetery in loving memory of Therese Harris, will take place on Sunday, 19th January, at 11.30 o'clock.

ISRAEL.—The tombstone in loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Amelia Israel, will be consecrated at Plashet Cemetery on Sunday next, January 19th, 1913, at 2 o'clock. Kindly accept this, the only intimation.

ROSENBAUM.—The tombstone in loving memory of Rachael Rosenbaum will be consecrated at Broad Green Cemetery, Liverpool, on Sunday, January 19th, at 12 o'clock.

SAMUEL.—The tombstone erected by the Brethren of the Lodge of Israel, 1502, to the memory of the late lamented A. J. W. Samuel will be consecrated at Green-lane Cemetery, Liverpool, on Sunday, January 19th, at 12 noon.

TRAMBERG.—The tombstone in affectionate and undying memory of our dear husband and father, Jacob Tramberg, late of the "Duke of Cambridge," Mile End Gate, E., will be consecrated at Plashet Cemetery on Sunday, January 19th, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends kindly accept this, the only intimation.

Return Thanks.

MRS. J. M. CHUMACEIRO and FAMILY return thanks for kind expressions of sympathy shown to them in their recent trouble. Dutch papers please copy.—39, Mildmay Park, N.

MRS. HANNAH COOK and FAMILY, with Mrs. BERCLOW, desire to thank their relatives and friends for visits, letters, cards, and kind expressions of sympathy during their week of mourning.

MR. JOSEPH FREEDMAN returns thanks for visits, telegrams, letters and cards received during the week of mourning.—1, Vale-court, Maida Vale, W.

MR. LOUIS FREEDMAN, of 209, Maida Vale, W., returns thanks for visits, letters, and cares of condolence received during the week of mourning for his late brother, Barnett Freedman.

MRS. BARNETT FREEDMAN returns thanks for visits and expressions of sympathy received on her sad bereavement.—33, Pepys-road, New Cross, S.E.

MRS. SAMUEL GOLDBERG returns sincere thanks for kind visits, telegrams, lettters and cards of condolence received on her sad bereavement.—"Eastgates," 255, Goldhurst-terrace, N.W.

MESSRS. SOL, HIAM, and ABE FREEDMAN, of 3, Page-street, Swansea, and Mr. S. W. JOSEPH, of 129, Richmond-road, Cardiff, return their sincere thanks for visits and kind expressions of sympathy and condolence received on their sad bereavement by the death of their dear beloved mother and sister. God rest her soul in peace

MRS. CHARLES ISAACS wishes to thank the Rev. Hyman Yudelowitch and the members (ladies and gentlemen) of the Southend and Westcliff Hebrew Congregation for their kind courtesy shown during her week of mourning; also relatives and friends for visits, letters, and cards of condolence.—85, Valkyrie-road, Westcliff-on-Sea.

MRS. JOHN JACOBS returns thanks for visits and expressions of sympathy received during the week of mourning.—33, Pepys-road, New Cross, S.E.

MRS. PIMSTEIN, SONS and DAUGHTERS, desire to thank their friends sincerely for their visits and kind expressions of sympathy on their bereavement.—63, Gladsmuir-road, Highgate, N.

MASTER BENNY BLOOM wishes to thank his parents, relatives, and friends for the handsome presents, cheques, and telegrams received on the occasion of his Barmitzvah.—"The King's Head," Commercial-road, E.

MR. and MRS. P. COHEN, of 153, Hoxton-street, thank their friends and relatives for presents received on the occasion of their silver wedding.

MASTER JOSEPH KIBEL, 65, Gloucester-street, Newcastle, desires to thank relatives and friends for their numerous presents and telegrams received on his Barmitzvah.

MR. and Mrs. I. WISENTHAL, of 29, Sun-street, Finsbury, E.C., beg to return thanks to their relatives and friends for the numerous presents, telegrams, cablegrams, and cheques received from them on the occasion of their marriage.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE.

TO-MORROW (SABBATH).

Synagogue. Preacher.

GREAT—Service for Working men and women, 1.30 p.m. — Rev. I. S. MEISELS.

CENTRAL— Rev. HARRIS COHEN.

HAMPSTEAD.— Rev. WALTER LEVIN.

NORTH LONDON— Rev. L. MENDELSOHN.

DALSTON.— Rev. Dayan A. FELDMAN.

STOKE NEWINGTON— Rev. B. N. MICHELSON.

ק״ק מחזיקי הדת ושומרי שבת

SPITALFIELDS GREAT SYNAGOGUE.

RABBI J. L. HERZOG, of Paris (late of Leeds), will deliver a הספר for the late Rabbi A. A. Werner, הרה״ג מור״ מ״ ר אברהם אבא ז״צ״ל, on Sunday next, the 19th January, at 5 p.m., after Services.

By order,
S. L. LIPSHITZ, Secretary.

JEW'S TEMPORARY SHELTER,

82, LEMAN-STREET, WHITECHAPEL, E.

THE twenty-seventh annual general meeting of subscribers and donors to this Institution will be held at the above, on SUNDAY next, the 19th inst., at 11.30 a.m precisely.

All those interested in the welfare of the Institution are cordially invited to attend.

By order,
A. MUNDY, Secretary.

GERMAN HOSPITAL, DALSTON.

THE Annual General Court of Governors of the above Institution will be held at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C., on TUESDAY, the 4th February next, at 2 o'clock p.m. precisely.

W. F. COCHRANE,
Secretary.

NOTICE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF WANDSWORTH, BATTERSEA, CLAPHAM AND BALHAM.

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GREAT SYNAGOGUE, General Meeting of Seatholders, Synagogue Chambers, 5.
JOINT ZIONIST COUNCIL, Mass Meeting, Shoreditch Town Hall, 7.30.

MONDAY, January 20.

JEWISH BOARD OF GUARDIANS, Temporary Allowance Committee (rota), 3; Industrial Committee (rota), 4.

TUESDAY, January 21.

CHARCROFT HOUSE, Committee, Charcroft House, 11.
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WEDNESDAY, January 22.

SARA PYKE HOUSE, Committee, 17, Sussex Square, W., 11.
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North London Junior Literary and Social Union, Concert, Dalston Synagogue Classrooms, 7.30.
Young Hebrew Debating Society, Lecture by Mr. Harry Sacher, Club-room, Redman's Road Talmud Torah, Stepney, 7.30.
Literary and Social Union, Poetic Recital by Mr. Maurice Myers, Committee Room, Stepney Jewish Schools, 8
Jewish Institute, Lantern Lecture by Mr. Henry S. Reitlinger, 8.
Association of East London Zionists, Lecture by Dr. J. M. Salkind, Zion Hall, 4, Fulbourne Street, 8.30.

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Young Hebrew Association, Lecture by Miss L. Hands, Redman's Road Talmud Torah, 7.45; Committee, 7.
North London Jewish Literary Union, Joint Debate with the Chevra ben Zakkai, Dalston Synagogue Classrooms, Poet's Road, 7.30.
Jewish Institute, Concert, 8.

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North London Junior Literary and Social Union, Lecture by Mr. Herbert Burrows, M.A., Dalston Synagogue Classrooms, 8.30.

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North London Jewish Literary Union, Lecture by Mr. Isaac Landau, Dalston Synagogue Classrooms, Poet's Road, 8.30.

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A DEFINITE DECISION.

AT the end of last week disquieting news was circulated in the general press concerning the Selection Committee of the Rabbinate Conference. It was said that an *impasse* had been reached, that no agreement could be come to by the members of the Committee, that it had been decided to withdraw the names of candidates previously submitted tentatively for the Rabbinate, and to endeavour to form a new list of contestants. We observe that a certain section of the less well-informed of the Jewish Press accepted this information, which, upon the face of it, must have been false. How was it possible for the Committee to find themselves in hopeless disagreement before they had met? Equally, how was it possible for them to come to a decision before they had gathered to discuss the situation? The absurdity of this news, apparent to anyone who knew anything of the condition of affairs in connection with the Rabbinate, was demonstrated by the very frank and full statement as to Sunday's proceedings at the meeting of the Selection Committee which Mr. A. H. JESSEL, K.C., made at the meeting of the United Synagogue Council on Monday. It will be observed from Mr. JESSEL'S lucid words that there was no *impasse* and no disagreement, and that the Committee was able to come to a definite decision. The decision was to recommend to the Electoral College, as candidates for the Rabbinate, the names upon which the Selection Committee decided in June last. This means that they have been unable to put forward the name of Dr. DRACHMAN, but they put forward the names of Dr. HERTZ and Dr. HYAMSON. They have now added, however, a resolution of strong recommendation in favour of Dr. HERTZ. Seeing that Dr. DRACHMAN was regarded in so many quarters as a candidate who would unite many divergent elements—the ground on which we, in these columns, commended his then probable candidature if he could be the only nominee—very strong reasons, we apprehend, must have induced the Committee not to submit his name. The absurd story about his being deemed "too orthodox" was, we are assured, a mere invention. His candidature was considered solely on its merits.

The decision of the Selection Committee as it stands, involves, it will be seen, a contested election for the Rabbinate. We have strenuously opposed a contest for the office, and we do not in the least waver in opinion as to the undesirability from every point of view of that course. In this, we observe, we are in agreement with the Selection Committee, who expressed themselves in like sense in the resolution referred to. The fact that two candidates, with a possible third, have been before the community for some months has in itself, for reasons which we have not hesitated to point out, tended to degrade the high office. We cannot avoid a feeling that this evil will be accentuated if, in the end, there be a contest. Added thereto, however, there is likely to be no inconsiderable weakening of the authority of the new Chief Rabbi when he is elected. There must ensue, we fear, an amount of unrest in the community, to overcome which he will necessarily be compelled to defer much of urgent work that is awaiting him. We have no doubt that we express the practically unanimous feeling of the whole of the community, and certainly such part of it as is endowed with any sense of responsibility, in deploring the necessity for a contest for the Rabbinate. None the less we agree that as things were there ~~was~~ really no better course open to the Selection Committee that would also have been quite considerate to Dr. HYAMSON as well as Dr. HERTZ. It is clear that the Selection Committee felt a strong preference for Dr. HERTZ as candidate. It seems probable, therefore, that had the Committee consulted only their own predilections, they would in what they conceived to be the interests of the community have recommended Dr. HERTZ as the single candidate. But this obviously would not have been fair to Dr. HYAMSON. His name had already been published as a candidate. To have excluded him at this stage would, to say the least, have been altogether arbitrary. Hence, having regard to all the circumstances that evidently presented themselves to the Committee when they met, and which could not well have been foreseen, the resolution come to was the best one possible.

But, a contest is still avoidable, and it is for the learned Dayan Dr. HYAMSON to consider how far he is justified, in view of the recommendation of the Selection Committee, by retiring to ensure the unanimous election of Dr. ADLER'S successor. The responsibility which thus rests upon Dr. HYAMSON is by no means an easy one. If on the one hand, the interests of Anglo-Jewry, which he has served loyally, faithfully, and well for so many years, dispose him, by an act of self-abnegation now to cancel his candidature, he will, on the other hand, naturally feel himself under a deep sense of obligation to those who have supported that candidature, to persist in it. In respect to conditions so delicate, and involving so many contradictory considerations, it would not be becoming on our part to offer any suggestion to the learned Dayan. All we will say, therefore, upon the point is that if, having regard to the dignity of the position he occupies in the community he find himself able, consistently with his duty to his supporters, to relieve us of the very unpleasant incidence of a contest, nothing he has done during his long career as Minister and Dayan will redound more to his courage, to his single-mindedness, or will be more in keeping with the high importance he has always attached to the solidarity, the peace, and the concord of Anglo-Jewry. We need scarcely repeat here what we have said previously—that Dr. HYAMSON, by saving us from a contest for the Rabbinate, will place the community under an added obligation to him—perhaps deeper than any even he has hitherto earned, and that he may rest assured the community would by no means be unmindful of the debt of gratitude that would thus be due to him.

In view, however, of the possibility of a contest, it behoves all of us to mitigate as far as possible its ascerbities. The Rabbinate question has now passed into the hands of the Electoral College. To the members of that College we feel it should now be left; and the final decision that they are now approaching upon the relative merits of the two candidates before them should be untrammelled, even by public discussion, before they meet. With this object in view, we shall, so far as we are concerned, exclude any reference in these columns to the merits or demerits of either Dr. HERTZ or Dr. HYAMSON, and we have already intimated to a very large number of correspondents who have submitted to us their views upon the question for publication, that our columns are now closed to this particular subject. We hope that, following this line, the very earnest plea which Mr. JESSEL made in the course of his statement on Monday that the members of the Electoral College—the delegates from the various synagogues that are to meet next month and elect or select a Chief Rabbi—shall attend the meeting unfettered by any pledge to those who sent them. Lord SWAYTHLING, in the course of his conciliatory remarks at the meeting of the Federation of Synagogues on Wednesday, somewhat demurred to Mr. JESSEL'S plea, while quite rightly urging that the new Chief Rabbi about to be appointed should be given every opportunity of proving his capacity for the office, although the body of which Lord SWAYTHLING is the head would not in advance pledge itself by joining in his selection. We have little doubt that his Lordship will exercise his influence with the Federation so that all sections of the community may be brought into harmony. We hope, too, that upon reflection his Lordship will see that it is eminently desirable that the delegates shall not come to the performance of their sacred and responsible duty, one of the most sacred and one of the most responsible that is likely in the course of their lives to fall to them as public communal workers, as delegates to support a definite "ticket." It is in the capacity of representatives that they ought to choose the man whom, after they have heard all the facts that are in the possession of the Selection Committee regarding the candidates, they conclude is most fitting to be a successor of Dr. ADLER. We would venture to add to Mr. JESSEL'S plea a very strong appeal to the various synagogues to give to their representatives a free hand. In those cases in which representatives have given pledges, they should, in deference to what Mr. JESSEL has said, be released from that binding obligation, so that they may be left perfectly free agents.

We notice that at the meeting of the Council of the United Synagogue on Monday, an intimation was made which shows it possible that a proposal will be submitted to the Electoral College to postpone the election. How far any such resolution, if submitted, would be in order, we are unable to say. But we feel ourselves bound at once to express the opinion that any further delay in selecting a Chief Rabbi would be most undesirable. The community has, as a matter of fact, been too long without a Chief Rabbi. Matters vital to the interests of Anglo-Jewry require the handling which, as conditions are, only a Chief Rabbi can efficiently compass. Vast problems affecting the internal economy of the community are over-ripe for solution. Retrogression in influence, in power, in all that makes for the well-being of the community, has not, by reason of the interregnum that has occurred since Dr. ADLER'S death, been in any sense great or alarming. It is impossible to deny, however, that some retrogression has resulted. That sort of thing once started has a tendency to proceed cumulatively, and the limit of prudence and safety has been reached now that an interregnum of nearly two years has been allowed. Every possible alternative to the decision of the Selection Committee having been considered, we ought to recognise that the time for further discussion has gone by. The community would reduce itself to a laughing-stock if, after the long and anxious deliberations that have taken place, they were to countenance further delay—a laughing-stock not alone to the rest of the Jews of the world, but to their fellow-citizens in this country who have watched with some curiosity the long drawn out proceedings and the lack of agreement manifested in the selection of a new Chief Rabbi.

The community is under a debt of deep obligation to all the members of the Selection Committee for the labours they have accomplished. It was no easy task that lay before them throughout, but especially on Sunday. The fact that they have not come to a decision that is certain to please everyone ought not to blind anyone to the fact that the recommendation at which they arrived was drafted with the fullest regard to the claims and qualifications of all the candidates as they were presented to them. We believe it reflects with accuracy the average opinion already formed by the vast majority of the community.

WEEK BY WEEK.

The Rev. B. Berliner.

THE death of the Rev. B. BERLINER removes from our midst a most admirable man, who did not a little to keep the standard of his calling high and unsullied. Mr. BERLINER did not figure in the front rank of the community. One could not have imagined him in the thick of any strife. He had no taste for the limelight, but preferred to do his appointed work unostentatiously, and to the best of his not inconsiderable ability. But his very modesty, coupled with his earnestness and sincerity, helped to keep the atmosphere sweet, and to unite the congregation in a spirit of good feeling to one another, and reverence for their Minister himself. Such men of high principle and steady work are, after all, the real strength of the Ministry, and they leave the vineyard in which they have laboured materially the better and more fruitful for their unselfish toil.

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Nathaniel Cohen.

WITH deep regret we have to record this week the death of Mr. NATHANIEL L. COHEN. A man of great public spirit and possessed of the highest civic ideals, Mr. COHEN has been among the more rominent men of his generation, by reason of his many beneficent activities and an originality of thought which pointed the way to valuable reforms. Giving of his means and abilities to all citizens alike, he never forgot his special duties to his own coreligionists, and no one was more ready than this strenuous public worker to stand up for Jewish interests when need arose in the London County Council debates.

It is pathetic to recall that Mr. COHEN was the last of five brothers whose names are more or less intertwined with the Anglo-Jewish history of a past generation. No one sitting down to write of English Jews in the nineteenth century could fail to record the good work of Sir BENJAMIN COHEN, Mr. LIONEL COHEN, Mr. ALFRED COHEN and Mr. NATHANIEL COHEN, or could omit all reference to their brother Mr. HENRY COHEN. The brothers have written many a bright and heartening page in our annals, and it is intensely gratifying to know that they have left behind them offspring deeply inspired by the example of their parents. To Mrs. NATHANIEL COHEN—herself an ardent worker in the Jewish cause—the heartfelt sympathy of the community will go out in this hour of her deepest sorrow.

Anglo-Jewry's "Old Guard."

THE death of Rabbi WERNER recalls to mind the congregation which he led, and a most interesting account of it is given in our columns in the course of an interview this week. The congregation has existed for twenty-one years. During all this time it has represented the Old Guard of Judaism in this country—men of stern, unbending loyalty to their creed, like the fine leader whom they have just laid to rest. They have maintained a synagogue which has bidden successful defiance to all the weak tendencies of the day, which has kept traditional Judaism strong and given its members something to love and live for amid distractions far more material, which has struggled to make the religiousness of the Jew less of a conventional theory and more of a reality, and which, by the very familiarity which it has encouraged within its walls, has shown how religion can enter into the daily lives and the hourly thoughts of men. All honour to the men who have thus presented to the world the spiritual side of the Jewish character —even though the world concerned itself more with other Jews and wrote down the men of this congregation as unlovely and unloveable aliens, to be tolerated but never understood.

The congregation have now to find a successor to Rabbi WERNER. They are seeking for one who shall not fall short of the great standard which Rabbi WERNER set. Such a personality, if he be found, would be an acquisition, not only to the Machziké Hadass, but to the whole community. We are glad to understand that this view has commended itself to the Hon. Officers of the United Synagogue, and the announcement we are enabled to make of that body's co-operation is of great importance. It evidences a strong desire on the part of its Hon. Officers to draw together the heterogeneous elements in our community and to give to the so-called "foreign" Rabbi "a place in the sun." The services of Rabbi WERNER'S successor will thus be placed at the disposal of the entire community, and his appointment to the Beth Din must strengthen that body, which is likely to find an early recruit, we hear, in the person of Dr. JUNG, the Chief Minister of the Federation of Synagogues. Thus equipped, the Beth Din, in conjunction with the additional paid workers in the East End (the provision of whom was confirmed by the Council of the United Synagogue on Monday, and is referred to in further detail in this issue), would form the foundation of that organisation for the spiritual needs of our poorer brethren, which must be the first concern of the new Chief Rabbi upon his entry into office.

Russia and her Methods.

SOME very valuable light was thrown upon the situation in Russia by the detailed facts narrated by M. NAHUM SOKOLOW in an interview which appeared in our columns last week, as well as by the larger review of Russian conditions which was contributed to our contemporary *Everyman* by Mr. CHARLES SAROLEA, and which we quoted last week. Mr. SAROLEA speaks of the corruption of the Bureaucracy, the real rulers of Russia, and shows that the creation of the Duma can mean little in the way of reform unless it be accompanied by religious liberty. M. SOKOLOW underlines this statement with his evidence of how such liberty was denied to the Jews at the recent elections, with the result that, so far as the large Jewish population is concerned, there has been a partial stultification of the Assembly. Jews were disfranchised in wholesale fashion and the men of their choice excluded from the Duma.

From an Assembly thus born in oppression and misgovernment no great advantages to the twin causes of Russia and Liberty can be expected. The question is whether this country, whose traditions are so vitally different, should help by its alliance, or by acquiescing in the Passport disabilities, to bolster up a rotten political edifice. If English prestige had not been thrown around the bureaucracy, its power for mischief, we are convinced, would have been materially curtailed. But, having done that disservice to the cause of Russian freedom, we are surely entitled to ask that the British Foreign Office should not continue to make the Jewish subjects of KING GEORGE the victims of its diplomacy.

Shalom Aleichem.

WE are glad that there appears to be a prospect of adjusting the difficulties which have hung over the appointment of a successor to the late Mr. HAST in the First Readership of the Great Synagogue. In a dispute such as that which, we hope, is now drawing to a close, it is as well that there should be neither victor nor vanquished; and the arrangement arrived at appears to be of this kind. The vote of censure will be rescinded; the panel—to use a favourite current expression—of candidates will be enlarged, and will in any case include the particular gentleman whose exclusion was the original cause of the trouble. We hope that the Hon. Officers, at all events, will soon be back at their old positions, and that a sweet calm and tranquility will once more reign in a synagogue which we all love and hold dear for its great past and its honoured traditions. The old Jewish salutation, "Peace be unto you!" is the greeting which their coreligionists offer to the seatholders at next Sunday's meeting.

MR. LEON SIMON.

IMPORTANT POST OFFICE APPOINTMENT.

We understand that Mr. Leon Simon will shortly take up his residence in Exeter, he having been appointed Post Office Surveyor in Devonshire and Cornwall.

Mr. Simon returns next week from a holiday in Palestine. He has rendered notable services in London by his strenuous work to promote the study of Hebrew. He is one of the editors of the *Zionist*.

THE Rev. J. F. Stern and Mrs. Stern, who have been indisposed for some weeks, have been ordered to take a complete rest for the next few weeks. They are leaving town in the course of next week. No letters will be forwarded, but correspondence will be dealt with by the Rev. S. Levy, who will take charge of Mr. Stern's work during his absence.

MR. ASHER ISAACS' GOLDEN WEDDING.—Mr. and Mrs. Asher Isaacs will celebrate their golden wedding on the 28th inst. A presentation will be made to Mr. Isaacs next Sunday morning at his residence, 53, Russell Square.

JEWISH MEDICAL MEN AND THE INSURANCE PANELS.—The following names appear on the panel of doctors, under the National Insurance Act, for the County of London: Herman John Liebstein, M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng., L.S.A., Lond.; Hyman Isaac, M.B., B.S., Lond.; Matthias Max Bernstein, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.R.C.P., Lond.; Marcus Woolf Cohen, M.B., Lond., M.R.C.S., Eng., L.R.C.P., Lond.; William Moses Feldman, M.B., B.S., Lond., M.R.C.S., Eng., L.R.C.P., Lond.; Mendal Freedman, L.R.C.P., L.R C.S., Edin., L.R.P.S., Glas.; Joseph Klein, L.S.A., Lond.; Solomon Krestin, M.D., B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; Leopold Liebster, M.D., Vienna, L.S.A., Lond.; Bernhard Morris, M.D., L.R.C.P.S.E.; Simon Isaac Rabinovitz, M.B., B.S., Lond.; Alexander Silberman, L.A.H., Dub.; Louis Turiansky, M.B., B.Ch., Edin.; Oreste Eichholz, M.D., Ch.B., Oxon., M.R.C.S.. L.R.C.P.; Jaques Joachim Cohn, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.R.C.P., Lond.; Benjamin William Loewenberg, L.M., S.S.A., M.D., Berlin; Jacob Snowman, M.D., M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., Lond.; Leonard Myer, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Lond.; Moseley Marcus Goldfoot, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., L.M., D.P.N.; and B. Isaac Rahim, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.R.C.P., Lond. Among the doctors on the Middlesex panel appear the names of J. Snowman, B. W. Loewenberg, M. M. Goldfoot, O. Hildesheim, G. Cohen, J. H. Wolfe, G. Pereira, H. Lewkowitsch, J. Blumenthal, and M. A. Dutch. Since signing the contract, Dr. Dutch has asked to withdraw, but has not been released by the Insurance Committee.

BAYSWATER JEWISH SCHOOLS.—Mr. Howard J. Walford has resigned his position as a Manager and a member of the Committee, of which he has been President for many years.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space several articles and many letters from correspondents have had to be held over

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"THE ROMANCE OF THE ROTHSCHILDS" —AND THE REALITY.

By MENTOR.

THERE is a world of philosophy in the words—were they not those of the immortal Mrs. Gamp?—"Rich folks may ride on camels, but it ain't so easy for 'em to see out of a needle's eye." The comical jumble thus perpetrated of an ancient aphorism popularised by the New Testament can be forgiven because of the underlying truth which it conveys. It is common experience pointing to the limitations inherent in wealth that induced in the bosom chum of Betsy Prig, the sapient observation that riches that could purchase camels on which to ride could not secure immunity to mortals from every derangement of the normal powers of sight.

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The desire to peer through the eye of a needle may be as alien to the aspirations of the average man as is likely to be the wish to go camel-riding to one unused to the vagaries of the ship of the desert. But the limitation enveloping "rich folks" which must strike everyone who thinks about it as being most galling is the tendency which wealth has of hiding the real qualities of its possessors. It runs a long head in advance of charity in covering a multitude of sins. But the convenience it thus occasions the beholder by shielding from his gaze what is morally ugly and hence repellent, is as nothing when compared with the inconvenience to the "beholded" when his wealth is so dazzling to the average man as to blind him to anything more precious than his reputation for gold. In the common run of human beings all men are somewhat good, and some men are altogether good. Wealth has no power to abrogate the law, and poverty proves it. But wealth dims most men to a patent fact which its absence demonstrates. Mention to the man in the street the name of Rothschild, and for quite five seconds of valuable time boundless wealth is all that will fill his mind.

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Now what may be forgiven or excused in that ubiquitous nonentity to whom the philosophy of Mr. Balfour gave the semblance of a being cannot be overlooked easily in one who allows you to read three hundred pages of his writings in exchange for three half-crowns coin current of the realm. The man who sets himself out as author, *ipso facto* proclaims himself as authority. If authority is not meant to denominate something like the super-man, at least in relation to the subject upon which authority ventures to speak, it conveys the implied assurance of freedom from the weaknesses and foibles that are the ordinary afflictions of "the herd." Distinctly disappointing, therefore, is it to find Mr. Ignatius Balla publishing a volume which he entitles "The Romance of the Rothschilds,"[*] setting himself out as author, and hence as authority, and yet to find him too, so dazzled, dimmed, and blinded by the wealth of the Rothschilds, that he can see nothing in them but dazzling, dimning, blinding gold. Nothing else strikes his mental retina, and nothing else can he in consequence convey to his readers the poorer by 7s. 6d. From end to end of this volume the Rothschilds are portrayed to us under the jaundicing rays of yellow metal. Throughout the three hundred pages they are made to move, and live, and have their being as voracious gobblers of gold eternally unsatisfied, their wealth-maws insatiable, so that even the four hundred millions they are said by Mr. Balla to have assimilated into their financial system leaves them still hungry, greedy for more wealth.

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The process of monetary deglutition which our author describes, he punctuates with stories of meanness and deception that would not be resorted to without hesitancy by adepts in sharp practice, unaware whence their next crust was to come. Every story that narrow, carping jealousy could conceive or foiled ambition could manufacture in the course of a century about a wonderfully successful family, has been accepted by Mr. Balla with a veneration too seldom

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paid in these days to the words of Holy Writ. The biting paradoxes with which Heine relieved the tedium of his "mattress grave" and into which there entered the bitter cynicism bred of physical suffering, our author places before us as if they were historic facts, calmly recorded and amply verified. Every bit of tittle tattle, however venomous in its origin, however apocryphal in its relation to truth that he could lay hands upon, he exhibits to us with the pride of the assiduous collector of the rare and the *bizarre*. And the grim joke of it all is that our author sees nothing awry or blameworthy, only what is commendable and noble, in all the string of stories he has attached to his heroes. Can we be surprised? Mr. Balla can perceive nothing in beholding the Rothschilds, save a sense of dazzlement caused by beholding four hundred millions sterling. For him the romance of the Rothschilds is blinding, glittering wealth, and all else is hidden to him. He sorely tempts us to apply to him an adaptation of Heine's words, which he quotes, and say: "Here we see how little this man is and how great is his god—for money is the god of our author, and Rothschild is its prophet."

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Take, by way of instance, the picture Mr. Balla draws for us of Nathan Rothschild, the founder of the English branch of the firm. Of him numerous silly stories are retailed, some of which, if we believed they were not untrue, would make us doubt the financier's sanity. Of the real biography of the remarkable man we have scarcely a glimmer, and our author even buries himin an altogether unknown resting-place—"the cemetery at Duke's Place belonging to the German Synagogue"! But we are given, with all the air of fact, the doings of Nathan Rothschild at the time of the financial crisis which seized the City before the fate of Waterloo was known, and when it was rumoured that Blücher and Wellington had been defeated. Practically the whole of our author's story is a tissue of sheer invention. But let us listen to what he says. Mr. Balla tells us that Rothschild was present on the field of battle, which of course is not true. Then, when Nathan Rothschild had seen enough of the field of battle to convince him that the Allies were victorious, we are told, "he galloped wildly to Brussels," and there, of course it was bound to be at an exorbitant price, else the "Romance" would have sagged, he hired a carriage "and raced to Ostend." There, needless to say, the story makes the very elements conspire so as to add their quota prophetically to Mr. Balla's "Romance," for "a fearful storm raged over the sea." Had Nathan come across in some packet-boat as an ordinary passenger, the narrative would have been rough on the "Romance" which clearly was being preserved for Mr. Balla.

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So the legend runs that Nathan was compelled to enter upon an auction for his passage. "He offered 500, 800, and at last 1,000 francs to any man who would take him through the storm." It is difficult to see where "at last" comes in, for Nathan, we are told, forthwith doubled his offer, and paid "2,000 francs in cash," and that "beforehand" to the wife of the sailor who at last—this time at last—agreed to take him across to England. Arriving on these shores, we are assured that "he could not rest a moment," and hurried on from Dover to London by express post, and that next morning he appeared in his usual place at the Exchange, pale, exhausted, with weary eyes and failing knees, looking "like a man broken in body and soul, as if he had aged ten years in a single night." He found, so we are told, ominous rumours afloat, that the allies had been worsted by Napoleon. Then, in order to deceive everyone as to the real state of the war, about which he was alone conversant, that he determined to feed the growing panic by feigning terrible distress. "He leaned against his column" on the Exchange "like a man who was condemned to death and seemed hardly able to stand upon his feet." The ruse had its effect, and a raging panic ensued. But the narrative, our author assures us, does not leave Nathan at the end of his resources of deceit. "Romance" needs something more, and gets it, from Mr. Balla. Nathan and his agents, we learn, "offered securities for sale in large quantities, even flung them on the market." And now "Romance" begins to assert itself in real earnest. For ruin spreads far and wide—ruin which this one man's one word could have stayed as by a magic wand. But it didn't. Had that been the course of events, and had legend made Nathan stay the panic, there would have been no huge sudden accession of wealth of the money sort, and then we should not have had the narrative in Mr. Balla's book. He therefore pictures Nathan Rothschild standing amid desolation and catastrophe, amid the spectre of poverty and privation very romantically.

> "Meantime," says Mr. Balla, "the deathly-pale man at the column *laughed in his sleeve.* While sympathetic souls expressed their concern for Nathan Rothschild, whose great firm, it was thought, must now sink into the dust, destroyed by its colossal losses, *he was quietly buying up all the securities offered by means of secret agents whom no-one knew.* The next day came news that Blücher had won at Ligny, and Wellington at Waterloo. Rothschild himself told it *with radiant countenance* at the opening of the Exchange; the rate advanced rapidly and reached an unprecedented height. *In a single day he had gained a million sterling.*

The italics are supplied, for they accentuate the point to which attention is desired. It is this: Mr. Balla sees nothing damnable in a man witnessing havoc that was to spread disaster into thousands and thousands of homes, and cynically "laughing in his sleeve" because he knew that the misfortunes of others formed grist for his mill. Nothing damnable in practising the deception of pretending to sell while he was secretly buying, in fanning the hell-fire of engulfing calamity by feigning to dispose all the while he was clandestinely battening upon crafty duplicity. Nothing damnable, nothing reprehensible—all of it covered by the fact that in a single day he had gained a million sterling! Mr. Balla gazes on that million sterling gained in a single day. It dazzles him and he is blind to all the callous, cynical trickery by which he tells us it was gained. That the whole story is utterly apochryphal, as the merest tyro ought to know—that Nathan Rothschild, in fact, never was on the field of Waterloo at all—all that is beside the question. The story as told by Mr. Balla is reproduced here as a sample of what pervades the whole volume. It is proof of the utter incapacity of Mr. Balla to estimate at their true worth the Rothschilds because their money-wealth dazzles him so that he cannot perceive the reality of this remarkable family as it has been and as it is.

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For those of us who know the Rothschilds, know also what an utter caricature Mr. Balla's presentment of them really is. It is more than probable that these words will be seen by at least some members of the family, who are of course, diligent students of current communal topics and, hence, constant readers of this journal. To avoid displeasing any of them by setting out here anything of a contrast picture to that drawn by Mr. Balla is the present writer's intention. But who reading this book, could imagine it was giving a narrative of men and women who in all their generations have been not alone princes of munificence but ministers of thoughtfulness and loving-kindness and open-handed generosity to all whom they knew needed, to everything worthy of which they learnt that it lacked?

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Who could guess, from a perusal of Mr. Balla's book, the intense, abiding, unceasing care which these wealthy men and womenhave ever shown, so that they shall mitigate where such appears to them possible the woes of the poorest people on earth, to which they belong, and from whose service not even Mr. Balla's four hundred millions have been able to seduce them? Who woul ddream from a perusal of this book, that this family, renowned throughout the world as philanthropists in the money sense, are, to those who know them, philanthropists in an even rarer sense? Who would think they were philanthropists in heart, in mind, in spirit, freely expending these in every good cause wherever that cause has appealed to them? It is qualities like these we happily are able to perceive in the Rothschilds, and not, as is the case with Mr. Balla, only their capacity for acquiring gold. Those of us who know the Rothschilds—or those of us who know of them—can well venture to measure the falsity of the picture which Mr. Balla has presented.

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And yet there is something about this book that must occur to us as containing an element of the true. Mr. Balla has entitled his book "The Romance of the Rothschilds." Somehow that word "romance" appears fitting. For the 300 pages are filled with "romancing"—either of the author's own, or of what he has gleaned from the "romancing" of others. This volume purports to represent the Romance of the Rothschilds. The Reality of the Rothschilds is an unwritten, and probably unwriteable, book. But its lessons and precepts are infinitely more valuable; and he who runs may read them.

MENTOR.

MESSRS. S. MONTAGU AND CO. AND THE PURCHASE OF SILVER FOR INDIA.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—TUESDAY.

Mr. R. GWYNNE asked the Under Secretary of State for India whether he would give details of the cost per ounce separating the items of freight and insurance to India which would have to be paid by a purchaser at the London market price of 28 13/16 on September 11th, when Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. bought £600,000 worth of silver on behalf of the Government of India at 29½d. to be sent from China, freight and insurance being paid by the seller.

Mr. H BAKER: The figures are approximately: Freight ·1297 of a penny insurance ·0240 of a penny, packing, marking, cartage, etc., 0103 of a penny; total, ·1640 of a penny. In addition, there would have been a loss of interest for the period between September 11th and the several dates on which the payments for delivery from China were made equivalent to approximately ·1460 of a penny per ounce. As I mentioned on November 26th, there is no reason to believe that so large a purchase could have been made in London on the dates mentioned without raising the price above 28 13/16d.

SIR S. SAMUEL'S SEAT.

Mr. BONAR LAW asked the Prime Minister whether he could now state when the House would have an opportunity of considering the recommendations of the Committee with reference to the Whitechapel seat.

Mr. ASQUITH: The motion has been drawn and I had hoped to have put it on the paper to-day. It will be put down without delay, and I hope that as it represents the unanimous and considered opinion of the Committee, it may be possible for the House to adopt it without anything in the nature of controversy or prolonged discussion, so that it may be taken after half-past ten one evening shortly.

Mr. BONAR LAW: May I suggest that that would be very unreasonable in view of the importance of the matter, although I hope no prolonged discussion will be necessary?

Mr. ASQUITH: Of course, I shall take into account what the right hon. gentleman says, but the motion does represent the unanimous decision of the Committee.

SUCCESSOR TO RABBI WERNER.

AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT CONTEMPLATED.

We understand that the Honorary Officers of the Machziké Hadass are anxious to see appointed as the successor to the late Rabbi Werner a Rav of distinction. It is contemplated that the person to be appointed shall recognise the authority of the Orthodox Chief Rabbi, and shall actively associate himself with the work of the Beth Din, and minister to the religious requirements especially of the foreign born Jews in East London.

The Honorary Officers of the United Synagogue have been approached on the subject with a request that the institution should associate itself with the proposed appointment, so that a suitable salary should be forthcoming for the payment of a Rav of distinction, who would carry on his duties in harmony with the recognised Ecclesiastical Authorities. The matter has not yet been officially dealt with by the United Synagogue, but we believe that a cordial response is likely to be made to the suggestion, and a scheme of co-operation propounded on the lines indicated.

Steps will be taken at an early date to extend an invitation to a learned Rav to fill the post.

LADY TUCK gave a successful dance on Wednesday, at Claridge's, for the début of her youngest daughter, Miss Muriel Tuck. The guests included the Chinese Minister and his two daughters. The rooms were beautifully decorated, and the scene was one of great animation.

HEROIC NURSES AT SAN STEFANO.—An appeal, signed by Lady Lowther (wife of the British Ambassador at Constantinople) and others, has been issued on behalf of the two heroic aged ladies, Miss Alt and Mrs. Schneider, who were the first to devote themselves to the cholera patients at San Stefano and are now broken down in health and in sad and straitened circumstances. An account of Mrs. Schneider's work was given recently in the JEWISH CHRONICLE by Mr. Eli Coplans, our special correspondent, when at San Stefano.

THE CHIEF RABBINATE.

SELECTION COMMITTEE'S DECISION.

DR. HERTZ "SPECIALLY RECOMMENDED."

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

A meeting of the Selection Committee was held on Sunday last. There was a full attendance; the members present were:—

Mr. ALBERT H. JESSEL, K.C. (in the Chair), Sir Stuart M. Samuel, Bart., M.P., Sir Adolph Tuck, Bart., Dr. J. Dulberg, J.P., and Messrs. Felix A. Davis, S. H. Emanuel, Ald. H. Feldman, J.P., L. B. Franklin, J.P., S. Freeman, J.P., H. Goldberg, S. M. Harris, B. Heilbron, I. L. Jacobs, N. J. Laski, W. T. Leviansky, Lewis Levy, Frank I. Lyons, Evelyn de Rothschild, and Albert M. Woolf.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

That having regard to the widely expressed desire of the Community that one name only should be submitted to the Elective Body, the Committee declares its opinion that of the two candidates mentioned in the resolution of the 22nd June last, Rabbi Dr. Hertz should be specially recommended to the Elective Body for election.

That in the event of a contest the Selection Committee hope that the Delegates would be at liberty to come to the meeting of the Elective Body unfettered by any pledge to their Congregations as to how they should vote.

Sunday morning, the 16th February next, was fixed as the date of the meeting of the Elective Body.

STATEMENT BY MR. A. H. JESSEL, K.C.

PLEA FOR FREE VOTING.

At the conclusion of the business at Monday's meeting of the United Synagogue Council, Mr. A. H. JESSEL, K.C., who was in the Chair, made a statement concerning the meeting of the Selection Committee of the Rabbinate Conference on the previous day. Mr. Jessel had previously been questioned on the matter by Mr. H. Bernhardt, and his statement was followed with great interest by the Council.

Mr. JESSEL said: I should like just to tell you precisely what has happened with regard to the proceedings yesterday of the Selection Committee. I do so with the more anxiety and readiness because of the unfortunate mistakes which have come into the papers—not our papers only, but those which appeal to general readers such as the *Times* of to-day, which has a wholly erroneous account of what happened. (I may mention that I intended to make a statement here in any case. I am now the more justified in doing so). The circumstances are these. You will remember that at the previous meeting of this Committee it was resolved that two names be sent up to the Conference—those of Dr. Hertz and Dr. Hyamson—and in certain events it was possible that a third name would be also submitted. These events took place and consequently upon that another meeting of the Committee was held. The Committee had previously thought, rightly or wrongly, that they ought to send up more than one name. They had felt that irritation would be experienced in some quarters if only one name were sent up, and it would be said that the thing was "cut and dried," that the Jewish community ought to have the opportunity of selecting from more than one name, and that the Selection Committee would make a mistake if they only sent up one. We still believe that that would have been the feeling in some quarters. But when we announced the result of our previous deliberations, which were very anxious and difficult, we were met with, I think, a general expression of opinion that a contest ought, if possible, to be avoided,—(Cheers.)—and that, notwithstanding that would debar the elective body from the opportunity of selection, one name only ought to be submitted. These were the facts which confronted us at the meeting yesterday. We endeavoured as far as we could to give expression to that opinion. We considered the two names already announced with the third alternative name, and in the result

NO ADDITIONAL NAME

to those already suggested will now be submitted to the Conference. You will excuse me if I do not like to anticipate what will have to be said to the Conference, but the reasons were cogent for the course we took. Having already decided to send up these two names we were then desirous of doing what we could to give effect to this very general expression of opinion, and we therefore added this. We said in effect that if the Conference wished to know the views of the Committee as to which is the more desirable of the two names, we recommended that of Dr. Hertz.—(Cheers.) That is the result of our deliberations of yesterday. One further thing done was this: We expressed a very strong desire that representatives of the electing synagogues would not come with tied hands to the Conference. Some gentlemen refused to be so tied. They said—and with considerable justification—that they desired the right of hearing what was said before determining how they should vote. But some congregations had expressed a desire to tie their representatives' hands, and we hoped that that would not be done, because it is impossible before the meeting takes place to explain matters fully to the satisfaction of the community at large without hurting peoples' feelings in a way we should not like to do and in a way which would bring about sentiments of irritation that could not be beneficial. It is impossible for the Committee at this stage to deal with the considerations which impelled them to come to their decision, but we think we could explain them to the representatives in conference. We therefore very much desire that gentlemen will not come to the Conference with their hands tied and to say, "I have been told to vote by my congregation in a certain way. Had they known what I have heard to-day, I am quite sure they would never have tied my hands, and I should like the meeting adjourned to refer the matter back to them." We do not want that. I see the representatives of the Jewish Press here, and I should be very much obliged if they would give expression to this view, which I desire should reach every congregation. The date fixed for the election is the 16th of February.

Mr. LUDWIG BENJAMIN asked whether there would be a meeting before the election as the matters to be discussed at the meeting ought to be brought before the congregations prior to the election.

Mr. JESSEL said that the election would take place on the date mentioned. It was just possible that there would not be a contest, and he earnestly hoped there would not be one. But at the present moment there were two names before the electoral conference—those of Dr. Hertz and Dr. Hyamson. Any statement to the contrary effect was entirely without foundation.

Mr. E. KAHN drew attention to the fact that there were certain notices of motion for discussion by the Conference. If one of those motions were passed its effect would be to postpone the election.

Mr. JESSEL said that the date given was that on which the electoral body would meet.

Mr. KAHN asked whether the voting papers would permit of the rejection of both candidates.

Mr. JESSEL said he could not anticipate. (Laughter.)

LORD SWAYTHLING AND THE FEDERATION.

At the meeting of the Federation on Wednesday, Lord Swaythling, who presided, referred to the Rabbinate question. Lord SWAYTHLING, in the course of his observations, said that it was usual on the occasion of meetings of the Board for the acting President to make a few remarks on what was going on in the community. They might be surprised at the long time that had elapsed since the last meeting, but the delay in calling the members together had been with an object—that nothing might be said there that might be considered to interfere with the difficult task which their neighbours, the United Synagogue, were carrying out in selecting a Chief Rabbi. During the interval a letter had been sent by himself on behalf of the Hon. Officers to Lord Rothschild. The letter was dated the 18th of July, and it contained the suggestion that the Federation should co-operate with the United Synagogue in despatching a commission, one from the United Synagogue, one from the Federation, and one representing the provinces, to investigate the merits of Rabbis likely to be suitable to fill the office, and to recommend the one selected. Lord Rothschild's reply on the same date was to the effect that nothing could be done till Dr. Drachman had been here, but that the suggestion would be considered. He read those letters for a certain purpose. As they knew, the Federation had determined on several occasions loyally to accept anyone selected provided he was

A GREAT AND ORTHODOX RABBI.

He understood that the Selection Committee had resolved to recommend Dr. Hertz to the Conference. Whether this gentleman came or did not come under that category he could not state. Ever since the United Synagogue had refused them their proper share in the election of Chief Rabbi he had studiously refrained from doing anything which would make their task more difficult. He would recommend that in case the United Synagogue should elect a man not known to be both a great and orthodox Rabbi, everything should be done now as in the past to avoid a split. He could not ask them or advise them, in the event of their electing anyone to accept him, but he definitely advised them not to refuse to accept him. He advised them to postpone any action until they had given the nominee a fair chance of showing what he was and what he was going to do. He had thought that the only way in which they would get the best candidates to apply—was by personally going and finding out their qualifications and afterwards recommending one name. He did not want the Federation to take any rash action. If the Conference decided to elect anybody he wanted the Federation to give that man a chance, and if he was a man whom they could, after mature consideration, accept,

THEY WOULD LOYALLY ACCEPT HIM.

But he was not going to ask them to accept a man unless they knew him to be an orthodox and great Rabbi. He wanted them to judge for themselves, when they had an opportunity of judging. He would not be fulfilling his duty if he allowed the Conference to go to its final election in ignorance of what was their attitude, based, he was sure, on the absolute conviction of the Federation of Synagogues. (Cheers.) He had seen a quotation in the *Times*, of January 10th, which he believed was incorrect, but which was, nevertheless, an indication of what was widely thought. It was said that the opposition to Dr. Drachman was due to his too rigid orthodoxy. The Federation had taken up the attitude of refusing to go into a Conference unless fully represented. It showed how right the action of the Federation had been.

Mr. M. HERMANN asked whether they were to understand that only one candidate was recommended.

The PRESIDENT said that the names of Dr. Hyamson and Dr. Hertz were being submitted to the Conference, and of the two Dr. Hertz was recommended. He understood that the Selection Committee had advised that all members of the Conference should ask to be allowed to go to the Conference with a free hand and not be told for whom they were to vote.

Mr. J. M. LISSACK said that Mr. Jessel had explained at the meeting of the United Synagogue that the request was due to the fact that the reasons for the choice of the Selection Committee would be explained to the Conference, but could not at present be disclosed.

CHRISTIAN STREET HIGHER GRADE HEBREW AND RELIGION CLASSES.—The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils took place on Tuesday. Mr. Isidore Salmon, L.C.C., presided, and Mrs. Salmon (to whom a bouquet was presented) distributed the awards. The Chairman said the children were fortunate in being able to attend such classes, the only ones of their kind in London, and to be trained by such capable and zealous teachers. Miss Hyam proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, and said she greatly appreciated their giving their time at such a busy season. She spoke with an intimate knowledge of the good work the classes were doing, and urged the parents to make full use of them. The Rev. D. Wasserzug, B.A., in supporting the vote, pointed out the good work Mr. Salmon was doing at the London County Council, and thanked him for the kindly interest which prompted him to take part in these proceedings. Mr. Salmon, in responding, said that it gave Mrs. Salmon and himself the greatest pleasure to be with them. They were so pleased with what they had heard and seen that they would be delighted to give the children a treat at Purim. He felt specially pleased to meet Miss Hyam, of whose work in the East End he had heard so much. Mr. I. Goldston, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Superintendent and teaching staff, said the Jewish Religious Education Board knew what splendid work was being done at the Christian Street Classes, and what a hard-working, capable staff they had. He complimented Mr. Joseph Amstell on the excellent singing of his choir. The Rev. B. N. Michelson, B.A., seconded the vote. Mr. H. E. Salomons, in responding, thanked all the speakers for their appreciative remarks concerning himself, and added his praise and thanks to the teachers for their loyal, painstaking and hearty co-operation.

CANNON STREET ROAD SYNAGOGUE.—The annual meeting of the Chevra Gemiluth Chesed was held on Saturday evening, Mr. H. Mendelowitch in the chair. The following were elected: Messrs. H. Mendelowitch, president; M. Stopnitzky, vice-president; S. Shipkin, treasurer; A. Lipshitz, hon. secretary; M. Zimmerman and S. Weiner, auditors; B. Cohen, trustee; and a committee. The meeting resolved that the loan fund be opened in six months' time, with a capital of £50. The sum of £4 was collected in donations to the fund.

DEATH OF MR. NATHANIEL LOUIS COHEN.

SPECIAL MEMOIR.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Nathaniel Louis Cohen, which took place at his country seat, "Courtlands," East Grinstead, on Tuesday. Mr. Cohen had been seriously ill for many months, and was devotedly nursed by Mrs. Cohen. Mr. Cohen's death deprives the community of an indefatigable worker and a wise and sagacious counsellor.

Mr. Nathaniel L. Cohen.

Nathaniel Louis Cohen was born on May 22nd, 1847, and was the youngest son of Louis Cohen. His great grandfather, Levi Barent Cohen, was a wealthy merchant, who came to this country from Holland, and one of whose daughters (Hannah) married Nathan Meyer Rothschild, and another (Judith) married Sir Moses Montefiore. Louis Cohen had five sons and four daughters who attained maturity. The sons were Henry, Lionel, Alfred, Benjamin, and the deceased. The daughters married respectively the late Mr. Henry Jessel, the late Sir Joseph Sebag-Montefiore, Mr. Assur Moses, and the late Lord Swaythling. Lady Swaythling is fortunately still with us.

Nathaniel Cohen, like his brothers, was educated at home by James Wigan, father of Alfred and Horace Wigan, the actors. He received instruction in Hebrew from the late Mr. Moses Angel, the Headmaster of the Jews' Free School, of which his father was a Vice-President. He entered his father's firm of Louis Cohen and Sons, stock dealers and foreign exchange brokers, from which he subsequently retired, when the house was dissolved. He then devoted himself to public work, from which our own community and the country generally derived great advantage.

Among the first Jewish bodies with which he associated himself were the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum and the Aged Needy Society. He presided at the festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Asylum in 1888. He was also associated with the Stepney Jewish Schools, of which he was at one time Vice-President, and he was one of the promoters of the technical education given at those schools which led the way in that regard among the elementary schools of the country. His interest in educational matters in the East End led him to give his support to the People's Palace Scheme, and he was Chairman of Stewards for the supplementary collection of funds for that splendid institution. In 1887 he acted as Deputy Chairman of an Apprentices' Exhibition held there. He was connected with the Jewish Association for the Diffusion of Religious Knowledge, and he was one of the founders of the Jewish Religious Education Board, of which he was elected a Vice-President in 1911. He was a member of the Mansion House Council for the Dwellings of the Poor, and a member, and at one time Chairman, of the East London Tenants' Protection Committee.

Among the most notable services which Mr. Cohen rendered to the Jewish community was the assiduous attention which he paid to the needs of his poorer coreligionists, during his long tenure of office as a member of the House Committee of the London Hospital. A generous, if unobtrusive, benefactor of the Hospital himself, his views carried great weight, and he was able to secure the efficient administration of the Jewish wards in a manner conducive to the comfort of the large number of Jewish patients received within the walls of the great temple of mercy in East London. He was at one time Chairman of the Marie Celeste Samaritan Society of the Hospital, and his family have now requested that money which would have been spent on wreaths for his funeral might be devoted to the funds of that Society.

Mr. Cohen was greatly interested in problems of employment, and he was a pioneer in the establishment of Labour Exchanges. As far back as 1885 he established an Exchange at Egham, Surrey, where at the time he had a country seat. His services in proving the value of such Exchanges have since been publicly acknowledged. He was a representative of the City of London on the Central body of London, under the Unemployed Workmen's Act, 1905. Mr. Cohen's resourceful mind led to the origination of a system of accumulative consols, which was adopted by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1890, and acknowledged by Mr. Goschen in the House of Commons. The system has been utilised by thousands of investors. In that year, also, he devised a scheme for the registration of shoeing-smiths, which was adopted by the Royal Agricultural Society and Farriers' Company (of which he was a member), in conjunction with the Royal Veterinary College. Mr. Cohen was a member, at various times, of the Board of Deputies, the Russo-Jewish Committee, the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce, the Royal Statistical Society, the Cambridge University Appointments Board, and the Committee of the Association for the employment of Discharged and Reserve Soldiers.

Mr. Cohen was twice a candidate for Parliament—in 1900, when he was defeated by 20 votes in the united boroughs of Penryn and Falmouth, and in 1905, when he unsuccessfully contested a by-election in East Finsbury. He succeeded his brother Alfred as member of the London County Council for the City of London, and retired, owing to ill-health, in October, 1911. He had been a member of the Finance, Main Drainage, and Appeal Committees. On his retirement notable tributes were paid to his services. The City of London Conservative Association passed a resolution, on the motion of the late Sir Joseph Dimsdale, to the effect that by Mr. Cohen's resignation the City had lost the services of a most able, conscientious, and energetic citizen. At the Council itself, Mr. Stuart Sankey, a colleague in the representation of the City, said that Mr. Cohen had never risen in the Council without making a weighty contribution to the point under discussion. Sir John Benn added that the Council would greatly miss Mr. Cohen's genial presence and ingenious personality; and Sir George Goldie, Chairman of the Finance Committee, observed that Mr. Cohen's intimate knowledge of finance had been of the very greatest assistance to them in their labours.

Mr. Cohen was a ready, if somewhat laboured, public speaker. His utterances were always characterised by literary distinction and careful thought. He was suggestive if not inspiring as an orator, and the sound commonsense that distinguished his personality always assured him of a respectful hearing, especially in the community, where the name of Cohen has long been honoured. Mr. Cohen was of a peace-loving disposition, and his powers of conciliation were often brought to bear on communal dissensions with useful effect. He was very charitably inclined and he was wont to sweeten his gifts by the cordial manner in which they were bestowed. A firm believer in scientific methods of charity administration, he never allowed his heart to be petrified and generously furthered every good cause.

Mr. Cohen married Julia Matilda, daughter of the late Professor Jacob Waley, and known to the community as the able President of the Union of Jewish Women. Mr. Cohen took a great interest in his wife's activities and she responded by a loving assistance in all his undertakings. There are three sons and three daughters.

A correspondent writes: In any obituary notice of the late Mr. Nathaniel Cohen it would not be just to omit some reference to his strong interest in horticulture. I find a note that in 1903 a silver Banksian medal was awarded to Mr. Cohen, then resident at Round Oak, Englefield Green, for a group of yellow arum lilies. This was only one of many prizes obtained by him at flower shows, and for many years he held an annual reception in his London house, at which he exhibited beautiful chrysanthemums to his friends. He was influential in much public work, in which his name did not appear at all. In 1902, he had made in the *Saturday Review* a suggestion, which was adopted by Lord Lytton, for an improvement in the Education Act and he afterwards obtained the support of Lord Courtney and some of the bishops for it. The amendment was lost by six votes in that session, but had its effect in later legislation. It authorised the use of school buildings for religious instruction at hours when they were not wanted for secular training. With regard to the London Hospital, it may now be mentioned that the article which appeared in the JEWISH CHRONICLE early in 1903 by a lady correspondent of great power and sympathy was procured by Mr. and Mrs. Cohen's intermediation, though it was written by a regular contributor to the paper.

It is interesting at this moment, when Preference is so much in the air, to record that Mr. Nathaniel Cohen at Montreal, in August, 1903, seconded a resolution at the Congress of Chambers of Commerce, affirming that the bonds of the British Empire would be materially strengthened and the union of the various parts of His Majesty's dominions greatly consolidated by the adoption of a commercial policy based upon the principle of mutual benefit, whereby each component part of the Empire would receive a substantial advantage in trade as a result of national relationship, due consideration being given to the fiscal needs of the component parts.

The funeral will leave 11, Sussex Square, the residence of Mr. Robert Waley Cohen (son), this morning, at 11.30 o'clock, for Willesden Cemetery.

DEATH OF THE REV. B. BERLINER.

SPECIAL MEMOIR.

It is our mournful task to have to record the death on Wednesday morning of the Rev. B. Berliner, following a long and painful illness, which necessitated the rev. gentleman's recent retirement from the post of Senior Minister of the St. John's Wood Synagogue.

Rev. B. Berliner.

The Rev. Berman Berliner was born in London in 1848, and was brought up by his grandfather, Mr. Berliner, of Duke Street, Aldgate, a pious Jew of the old school. He was related to a famous Dayan of fifty years ago—Rabbi Aryeh Ha'leb. His grandfather sent him to be educated at Jews' College, where he studied under the Rev. Barnett Abrahams, and later under Dr. Friedlander. In 1863 he was awarded the Lord Mayor's Commemoration Scholarship, and in 1865 the Barnett Meyers Scholarship. He was contemporary at the College with the Rev. S. Singer. On the establishment of the Borough Congregation, and on leaving the College, he became Headmaster of the Borough Schools, while Mr. Singer was appointed Minister of the synagogue. At the same time he held the position of *Baal Koreh* in the German Synagogue, then situated in Broad Street, London Wall. After a time he left London to become Minister of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation. At Bristol he married his first wife. He remained at Bristol till 1878, when he became Minister of the St. John's Wood Synagogue—a post which he held till a few months before his death. It was during his tenure of office at St John's Wood Synagogue that his first wife died, and he married again. His daughter by his first wife is married to Dr. Lionel D. Barnett, of the British Museum.

Outside of his congregation Mr. Berliner was not a prominent figure, the only extra-synagogal post that he held being that of hon. secretary of the Jewish Ministers' Visitation Committee. He seldom preached except in his own synagogue, but it will be remembered that on the occasion of the death of Dr. Friedlander he was selected to deliver the oration at the memorial service held at the Central Synagogue. The ability with which he spoke caused many of his hearers to regret that they had so few opportunities of hearing him outside his own place of worship, and that his sermons at St. John's Wood were so seldom reported. He published little. One of the few writings he gave to the public was a translation of Rabbi Solomon Luria on the Prayer-Book—Responsum 64. This fine piece of work, a valuable addition to Hebrew Literature, he contributed to the Jews' College Jubilee Volume, edited by his son-in-law, Dr. L. D. Barnett. The last sermon which the deceased wrote he was was not well enough to preach in person. It was delivered for him by his colleague, the Rev. H. L. Price, on the recent Day of Atonement, and it began:—"I gratefully accept this opportunity of conveying to you the thoughts which press heavily upon my heart and soul, and which have served as my ideals during the thirty-four years that I have been your Minister."

It will be remembered that about a month ago the members of his congregation signalised his retirement, and the deep reverence in which he was held as "an ideal Minister," to present him with a testimonial. The testimonial (restricted to his own members) consisted of an album, a silver salver, and a cheque of £685, and was most spontaneously subscribed to. Mr. Berliner was unable to be present on the occasion, but a pathetic letter was read by his son, in which he described himself as דל "a poor sick man"—the numerical value of this word representing the thirty-four years during which he had ministered to his congregation with "honesty of purpose and sincerity of aim." That was the key-note of his unselfish ministry, which endeared him to his members and secured him many friends outside. Speaker after speaker bore testimony at this gathering to the deep regard in which he was held. Mr. Gustave Tuck, who presided on the occasion, said, "His principles had been his very life. He prided himself on the motto which was inscribed over the Ark, and he had always acted up to that motto." Mr. Albert Woolf, who had been associated with Mr. Berliner for many years, said, "he had found him to be one of the few Ministers among their clergy who did not desire publicity. He was not one of those who liked to place themselves prominently before the community. He did his work quietly, and ever had the benefit of the community at heart. His personality was such that he had established an unqualified spirit of good feeling among the congregation." Mr. Berliner's attainments as a Hebrew and theological scholar were very considerable; but being of so modest and retiring a disposition, only those scholars who knew him intimately—and he had many learned men in his congregation—were in a position to appreciate his deep and wide learning.

The funeral will proceed from the Synagogue, Abbey Road, at twelve o'clock to-day for Willesden.

WEST END JEWISH LITERARY SOCIETY.—Last Sunday a meeting of this Society was held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lesser. Mr. Daniel Castello presided. Mr. Leo Eppenheim read some verses which formed a paraphrase from the Hebrew (Lamentations III.). Mr. Henry D. Myer read a short paper on Marlowe's "The Jew of Malta." Mr. Cyril M. Picciotto spoke upon "The Right of Association: with special reference to Zionism." Mr. Leonard J. Stein dealt with the Jewish Situation created by the present war. A vote of thanks to the lecturers andChairman was proposed by Mr. Ernest Lesser. The Chairman and Mr. Picciotto responded. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess was proposed by Mr. Leonard J. Stein.

JEWISH INSTITUTE.—Last Friday evening Mr. M. Wohl lectured on "The 613 Precepts." On Saturday evening a lecture, illustrated by autochrome colour-slides, on "The Thames from its Source to the Sea," was delivered by Mr. J. McIntosh (Secretary of the Royal Photographic Society). The concert on Sunday was under the direction of Mr. F. Espir, who was assisted by Miss Sophie Espir, Miss Suzanne Espir, Miss Isaacs, Mr. Louis Espir, Mr. Cyril Joseph, and Mr. H. Todd Thornberg.

Abroad and the Colonies.

THE STRIKE OF GERMAN UNDERGRADUATES.

Remarkable Results of the Agitation.

[From a Correspondent.]

BERLIN.

The strike of the German undergraduates at three German Universities, as a protest against the admission of Russo-Jewish students into the university hospitals and laboratories, has resulted in a complete success for the strikers, although the Government has not yielded for the moment. The strikers have been promised that their demands and claims will soon be considered, and that new regulations will be published with which the native students could be satisfied. The result of this assurance was that the strike was stopped, and the undergraduates resumed their work. For various reasons the Imperial Government will not deal with the matter but will leave it to the several States to decide whether they shall issue new restrictive regulations or not. But it seems that the States have already decided to issue such regulations, which will quite satisfy the anti-Semitic sections of the German undergraduates. The Saxon Government was the first to satisfy the claims of the strikers, for the *Leipziger Zeitung* and the *Dresdner Neueste Nachrichten* publish an official note to the effect that the Leipzig University has decided not to admit "foreign students" to hospital work and laboratories unless they have passed the medical intermediate examinations as native students have done. But the foreign students who have passed all intermediate examinations will not be allowed to pass the final medical examinations which grant the right to practise in the German Empire. Many other universities are preparing the issue of similar regulations. The Faculty of Medicine in Halle, which during the strike took up an outspoken pro-Jewish attitude, has also gone over to the anti-Semitic undergraduates. The advance of that body from one extreme to the other is most peculiar. The *Frankfurter Zeitung* and the *Berliner Tageblatt* published last week a semi-official note of the Faculty, which is to the following effect:—

A conjoint meeting of the Professors of Medicine of the Universities of Halle and Berlin, under the presidency of Geheimrath Dr. Orth and Professor Krau, took place in Halle several days ago. It was stated at the meeting that the question of foreign students at German Universities became acute because of the anti-Semitic policy of the Russian Government, who do not allow Russian Jews to enter Russian Universities. Even when these students have finished their studies at German Universities the Russian Government does not allow them to pass the Russian final examination. On the other hand Russian Jews who have passed their final medical examinations in Germany are allowed to practise in Russia without passing the Russian final examination. [This statement is not true, because the Russian Government does not recognise the German final examination as if it were a Russian one, and even German Christian doctors, if they settle in Russia, have to pass the Russian final examination.] The conjoint meeting has therefore decided to approach the Russian Government with the request to grant to the Jewish students the same rights as are possessed by non-Jewish students. The meeting expressed the view that the Russian Government should grant facilities to Jewish medical students on the ground that there are not enough doctors in Russia. The meeting decided, therefore, to recommend the Russian Government to abandon its anti-Semitic educational policy, as there is reason to believe that the immediate future will bring about a radical change in the attitude of the German authorities to the Russo-Jewish medical students, and as new restrictive regulations will soon be issued which provide the admission of these students into the hospitals and laboratories after they have passed the rigorous intermediate examinations.

If we compare this statement with the one made by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Halle of three weeks ago, which was reproduced in the JEWISH CHRONICLE, the difference will be seen at once. The first statement was more a plea for the Russo-Jewish students, while the one under notice is an announcement of restrictive regulations and a justification of the strike of the anti-Semitic native undergraduates. The intention of the conjoint meeting, which did not take place without the full authorisation of the Prussian Minister of Education, to approach the Russian Government with a view to abolish the restrictive measures against the Jewish students in Russia is not simply a means to cover the sudden change of opinion of the Faculty of Halle. These German professors know as well as we do that it is absurd to approach the Russian Government in an internal Russian affair. Even if the Russian Government were to listen to these Professors, which is very doubtful, the autocrats in St. Petersburg would not change their anti-Semitic policy only because German professors want them to do so for anti-Semitic reasons. And it is also very doubtful whether in the end the German Ambassador in St. Petersburg would even venture to approach the Russian Government in the matter.

That the question is purely political and anti-Semitic may be seen from the interpellation of Dr. Werner in the German Reichstag some days ago, in which he asked the Minister of the Interior what steps the Imperial Government contemplates taking in order to purify the German Universities from Russo-Jewish students who, in his opinion, are poisoning the life of the native students. The Russo-Jewish students at German Universities feel the importance of the question raised by the German anti-Semites and are acting accordingly. Representatives of Russo-Jewish students at German Universities have held a conference in Strasburg, and have decided to organise a general conference of the representatives of all Russo-Jewish students at German Universities with the object of preparing a memorandum to the German educational authorities in which they will point out their own views on the question and show that they have the same qualification as German native students. The memorandum will also protest against the anti-Semitic allegation that the Russo-Jewish students are of low *moral* and are lacking in good manners. In order to prove their honesty and capability, testimonials and certificates of famous German Professors will be placed before the educational authorities.

The Conference will take place in Leipzig, and should the local police object to its being held there, the venue will be altered to Basle. A report of the proceedings of the Conference will be sent to all members of the German Reichstag as well as to the Faculties of Medicine of all the German universities. It remains to be seen whether the work of the Conference will be crowned with success. The anti-Semitic agitation in the *Verein Deutscher Studenten* has succeeded in convincing the German Press and public that the Russo-Jewish students constitute a danger for the native universities, and as nationalist feeling in Germany is now running very high, even among Radicals and Left Liberals, there can be no doubt that the authorities this time will comply with the wishes of public opinion, and in the end the Russo-Jewish students will be driven out from Germany, even if the above-mentioned Conference should succeed in procuring a postponement of the decision for some time. The sole consolation is that the authorities of the Italian universities have invited the Jewish students of Russia to accept the hospitality of their universities. Our young coreligionists in Russia will be compelled to take up the *Wanderstab* and wander southwards.

THE UNREST AT MOGADOR.

Food Supplies Cut Off.

A Jewish Merchant's Courageous and Successful Mission.

An interesting communication has reached us from Mogador. It appears that the hostile Moors, having occupied the surrounding heights, had prevented the convoys of food supplies from entering the town, and as Mogador is to a great extent dependent upon these supplies from the interior, the townspeople were commencing to suffer acute distress—very high prices prevailing for eggs, meat, butter, etc. A prominent Jewish merchant, Mr. Abram Coriat, suggested to the French Commandant that an envoy be sent to the Moorish Chief to prevail upon him to permit the convoys to come through. The French officer replied that, inasmuch as the Moors had expressed the utmost vindictiveness and hatred towards the Europeans, such a task was not only hopeless but was fraught with grave danger to the envoy himself.

Mr. Abram Coriat replied that he was quite willing to undertake the mission himself. The French Commandment thereupon expressed his gratitude and offered him an escort of some six hundred soldiers. As soon as he had left the town, the envoy sent the soldiers back, and rode forward with two troopers into the hostile country. It was not long before they encountered the Moorish outposts, who conducted them to their Chief. He received the envoy with the utmost courtesy, and conferred with him for many hours. Such was the eloquence and persuasive power of the envoy, that he was able to prevail upon the Moorish Chief to permit food convoys to pass into the town. Further, after conferring for some time, the Chief said that he was not altogether unwilling to enter into negotiations for peace with the French commandant. The Chief kept his word, for shortly after Mr. Coriat's return several food convoys arrived into the town. The Commandant visited Mr. Coriat at his house and thanked him for the great service he had rendered by his successful mission.

ANOTHER STRIKING REAL RUSSIAN PRONOUNCEMENT ON THE JEWISH PROBLEM.

Jewish Sufferings Deplored.

[From our Correspondent.]

I have already reported the remarkable speech of the Real Russian Deputy Shulgin on the Jewish problem and the good opinion of the Odessa Real Russian organ on the Jewish colonists. Last week another striking pronouncement on the Jewish question appeared in the ultra anti-Semitic organ, the *Kievlanin*. This paper pictured to its readers the deplorable position of the Jews, adding that it did not require a very "soft heart" to be moved by the tragedy of the Jewish race, which was persecuted, not only in Russia, but against which immigration laws were enacted in America, too. The expulsions in Russia, stated the *Kievlanin*, are inhuman, and the description of the condition of the exiled was heartrending. Yet it agreed with Deputy Shulgin that it was dangerous for the Russian peasants to grant freedom to the Jews (ignoring the recent peasant pro-Jewish petitions), and it discarded Zionism as a solution of the Jewish Question on account of the alleged inability of Jews to lead an agricultural life (forgetting again that in Russia itself Jews possessed well organised colonies, the only bar to the prosperity of which was the refusal of the Government to grant more land to the colonists, compelling many of them to emigrate to Brazil in the search for land). Nevertheless, however unsatisfactory the conclusions of the *Kievlanin* are, the fact still remains that the anti-Semites in Russia are changing their tone in speaking on the Jewish sufferings. It is also noteworthy that even the ultra-reactionary organ, the *Sviet*, has informed the new Minister of the Interior that Russia did not now seek a repetition of M. Stolypin's methods, but a new policy.

However, the policy of the reactionary Minister of Commerce, M. Timashev, remains unchangeable. He has just prohibited the coming Conference of Captains of Commerce to discuss the memorial of the Ekaterinoslav Exchange Committee against the expulsions and anti-Jewish restrictions.

THE JEWS IN SALONIKA.

The Ritual Murder Fable Again.

[From our Correspondent.]

SALONIKA.

Not a day passes by without fresh trouble overtaking us. It is now the turn of the ritual murder fable. Within three or four days, four charges of this character were brought against us. Happily, no serious incidents resulted. It was the old story: little Greek children had strayed from their respective homes, and as they did not immediately return the Jews were at once accused of having murdered them for ritual purposes. Naturally, the rapid succession of these charges caused great consternation among our people, who fear that the approach of Passover will produce a whole crop of them. If severe measures are not at once taken against the authors of the charge, we feel that a veritable Sword of Damocles will be suspended over our heads.

The Chief Rabbi has discussed the accusations with the Greek Prefect, M. Arghiropoulos, who expressed his regret that they should have been made and assured his visitor that no attention would be paid to absurd imputations of such a character. The Prefect asked the Chief Rabbi for a circumstantial report of the incidents. The principal Greek journals here are condemning the Greek population for its hostile attitude towards the Jews, and are urging sentiments of amity and concord. The *Nea Alithia*, in its article, was particularly outspoken, and it is indeed gratifying to us to see so important a paper entering the lists on our behalf. What a change in the situation since the early days of the occupation! This is one of the innumerable salutary effects of the very dignified attitude of the Jews towards the Greek authorities.

POLITICAL STRUGGLES IN GERMAN JEWRY.

Disfranchisement of Foreign Coreligionists.

[From a Correspondent.]

BERLIN.

The movement to deprive foreign and especially Russian Jews of the right to vote in Jewish communal elections, on which I reported some time ago, is, unfortunately, gaining ground. A great number of Jewish communities in the west of the Empire have already introduced a new clause into their constitutions which says that only German citizens have the right to vote in the Jewish community. The Government authorities have confirmed the decisions of the local communities, as these latter claim that they are taking this precautionary measure in order to ensure the thoroughly German character of their congregations. The Jewish community in Tilsit has done more than deprive the non-German Jews of the right to vote; it has not entered the names of the foreign Jews, even of those who pay heavy communal taxes, on the lists of voters. Many other communities in Eastern Prussia have done the same. In Eydtkuhnen, for instance, a state of war exists between the native and the foreign Jews, because the latter insist upon their right to vote after having been compelled to pay heavy communal taxes. They maintain that the native Jews spend the money of the community not to educate a Jewish generation, but to educate real Germans, and on that account they claim that they must either be exempt from taxation or possess the vote. For the foreign Jews in the communities of Eastern and Western Prussia the question is of great importance, because they are not only the true Jewish element in the community, but also the bearers of the financial burdens. In Königsberg, for instance, there are 300 to 400 foreign Jewish families who are economically better off then the native Jews. They reside there as agents for the whole Russo-German grain commerce, and contribute largely to the commercial importance of the town. The same is also the case in cities like Danzig and Tilsit, Memel and Insterberg. These foreign Jews represent the best element of Russian Jews, being mostly Jewish scholars. As the most important taxpayers of their communities and anxious to give their children a good Jewish and Hebrew education, they will be in a most precarious position should they be deprived of their communal vote and the native assimilants the sole administrators of the communities.

Where a second and independent orthodox Jewish community exists, as at Königsberg, the foreign Jews can join it, but there are only a few such orthodox communities in Eastern and Western Prussia. The German Government will not allow the foreign Jews to form separate communities of their own because their children have no right to settle in Germany when they have come of age. I understand that the representatives of the foreign Jews, who are already deprived of their vote, will contest the decision of the communities and the local authorities, and will lodge an appeal with the Prussian Minister of the Interior. It is scandalous that several Jewish weekly papers in Germany should approve the action of those communities which have deprived the foreign Jews of their vote.

RELIEF WORK FOR JEWISH SUFFERERS BY THE WAR.

Mission from Western Europe.

The "Hilfsverein der Deutschen Juden" sent us the following telegram from Berlin on Tuesday:—

Dr. Paul Nathan (Berlin), Mr. Elkan Adler (London), and Dr. Bernhard Kahn (Berlin), as representatives of the humanitarian Jewish organisations who are journeying to the distressed districts in the East, have reached Belgrade. So far as they have seen already the delegates are able to testify that the treatment of the Jews in the occupied regions by the Servian Government and military authorities is humane. Rabbi Alkalay, of Belgrade, reports that the Turkish prisoners of the Jewish faith will probably be released and sent back to their homes. The delegates are proceeding to Sofia.

THE SUNDAY CLOSING BILL IN RUSSIA.

Satisfaction in Jewish Circles.—Archbishop's Remarks.

[From our Correspondent.]

Great satisfaction has been caused in Jewish circles by the passing of the Ministerial amendment in the Upper House, permitting trading on Sundays and holidays for five hours. The Bill, as passed by the third Duma, was a menace to all Jewish traders, and their protests against total closing were very strong indeed. The Archbishop of Warsaw championed the Duma text of the Bill, and curiously enough, in his speech in the Upper House, he held up the Jewish Saturday as a model to the Christians and as an example which should be imitated by the enforcement of total closing, ignoring the representations of the spiritual chiefs of the Jews that the enactment of the Duma Bill would compel our coreligionists to break the sanctity of Saturday, as an alternative to ruin.

The Bill will now be sent to a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament, and there exists little doubt that the present Duma will agree to the modification introduced by the Upper House.

MILITARY CHANUCAH SERVICES IN AUSTRALIA.

[From our Correspondents.]

SYDNEY.

A great impression was produced in Australia by the circumstance that the Sydney Jewish community was the only religious body seeking to consecrate the new Universal Defensive Training by Divine Service on the day of its inauguration, which happened to coincide with the Sunday in Chanucah two years ago. Since then there has been a marked desire on the part of non-Jewish citizen soldiers to attend the Chanucah Service.

Although no special invitations were issued this year, there was a larger attendance than ever, extra seating having to be improvised at the last moment. This was partly due to the considerable increase in Jewish service men, of whom there are about 150 in the various local Cadet Battalions, including the Naval Brigade, comprising all the physically fit lads between fourteen and eighteen years of age. Another class this year appeared for the first time, in the youths over eighteen who have been transferred as recruits to the ranks of the new Universal Training Corps formed out of the old militia and volunteer regiments; and among these are about thirty young Jews. Practically all of these, as well as the Jewish officers, attended the service. But besides Jews, over two hundred comrades of other faiths joined the parade, again emphasising the brotherly feeling so happily existing between Jew and Gentile in these younger States of the Empire. The 28th Battalion Cadets (Redfern), which has an appreciable proportion of Jewish members, voluntarily sent its band to play the column from the place of assembly to the synagogue; and another Cadet Battalion, the 24th, in the area of which a large number of Jews reside, marched up its contingent under its own bugles and drums. It became apparent on this occasion what a considerable number of Jewish young men just over the obligatory training age are giving the State voluntary service as officers of Cadets. The District Commandant, who was absent on a country inspection, was represented by a Captain of the Staff; but the Commander of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade, Colonel Kenneth Mackay, C.B., attended by his Staff, came specially to town for the service. Of his Brigade, the Quartermaster of the N.S.W. Lancers (Captain L. D. Phillips) and the Machine-gun Commander of the 9th Light Horse (Lieut. A. E. Hyman) are regular worshippers at the Sydney Synagogue; and it is understood that the particularly smart detachment of the latter has been partly recruited from these Chanucah gatherings. The parade was under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Kirkland, of the 31st Infantry, who has also a smart Jewish contingent, and his Adjutant was Lieut. H. F. Cohen (Australian Engineers), son of the Rabbi, who is Area Officer for the district in which the synagogue is situated, and whose area includes a considerable section of Jewish lads in the particularly efficient battalion of cadets provided by the Sydney Grammar School. The music contributed by the synagogue choir was elaborate and beautifully rendered. In his inspiriting address Rabbi F. L. Cohen uttered a warning against the Australian foible of deriding the great neighbouring alien civilisations of Eastern Asia, which has been given considerable prominence in the colonial Press. Altogether the celebration was a brilliant and stirring one, and creditable to all concerned.

MELBOURNE.

The second Chanucah Military Service in Victoria, which took place in the St. Kilda Synagogue on December 8th, proved a great success. There was a large attendance of Jewish soldiers, including many cadets. A number of Gentile officers were also present. The synagogue was crowded. Major Isidore Isaacson was in command of the parade. The service was conducted throughout by Chaplain the Rev. Jacob Danglow, M.A., assisted by the synagogue choir, which was under the direction of Mr. Joel Fredman. Mr. Harrison presided at the organ. In the course of his sermon, the Chaplain said that loyalty to Jewish principles implied the readiness to identify oneself with the national life of the land of one's birth or adoption. Jews, in time of peace and war, had always eagerly sought fully to discharge their national obligations and their civic responsibilities. Especially was this the case with British Jews, for the Union Jack stood for the glorious principles of liberty and justice unto all, irrespective of race or creed. Australian Jews were particularly anxious to rise to the highest demands of their citizenship, living as they did in a "land of the dawning," where pernicious religious prejudices were not encouraged. The system of compulsory military training represented a splendid physical, mental, and moral discipline for Australia's budding manhood. It was well calculated to banish from their midst what had been aptly termed "moral anæmia," and to foster a deeper and nobler sense of civic responsibility among the rising generation. During an interval in the proceedings, a collection was made on behalf of the Old Soldiers' Home, which realised £9.

THE NEW RUSSIAN MINISTER'S FAREWELL BANQUET.

Rabbi Invited.

[From our Correspondent.]

A favourable impression has been created by the news from Tchernigoff to the effect that the local Rabbi was among those invited to the farewell banquet held at the Nobility Hall in honour of the new Minister of the Interior, M. Maklakoff. Before his departure, M. Maklakoff sent his card to Rabbi Schneyerson.

THE RIGHT OF DOMICILE OF JEWS.

The Minister's presence in Kieff coincided with the annulment of the expulsions of the Jewish students of the local Commercial Institute and the Sviatoshin School, with the cancelling of the legal proceedings against eighty-four Jews in connection with their right of domicile in the city, and with the postponement for one year of the exile of the hundred and sixty-four Jewish merchants. [During the year the Senate will decide the latter problem, as the Premier and the former Minister of the Interior disagreed on the question, M. Kokovtzeff, having taken a pro-Jewish view.]

The *Retch* and the *Den* have published special articles on the trial of the Jewish dentists at Moscow. Both organs saw in the decision of the Court to implore the Tsar's mercy on behalf of the prisoners a proof of its moral sympathy with the latter and a blow to the Pale restrictions, which stood condemned by the proceedings. It is anticipated that an amnesty will be granted to the dentists in the expected Manifesto of the Tsar in April on the occasion of the tercentenary of reign of the Romanoff dynasty.

THE BEILIS CASE.

Another Conference.

[From our Correspondent.]

It is announced on high authority that the Assistant Minister of Justice, M. Verevkin, and a few judicial authorities, have been instructed to examine the reports of the St. Petersburg Ecclesiastical Academy and the famous priest, Pranaitis, on the alleged existence of ritual crimes among Jews. From the same source it is gathered that the deliberations of the Ministry, despite the favourable replies of the ecclesiastical authorities, tend to result in a decision against M. Beilis. The Conference was also asked to fix the place of the trial of the prisoner.

Servian and Bulgarian Royalty and the Jews.

[From our Correspondent.]

SALONIKA.

The birthday of the Crown Prince Alexander of Servia was recently celebrated at Uskub amid considerable rejoicings. The festivities included a banquet at which the heads of all the religious communities were present. After the loyal toasts had been honoured the Crown Prince entered into conversation with the Chief Rabbi, to whom he offered a cigarette and whom he assured that he was a friend of the Jews. When the Prince had finished the Chief Rabbi rose, and, placing his hands on His Royal Highness's head, he blessed him and recited the prayer for the Royal Family. Immediately afterwards Prince Paul invited the Chief Rabbi to drink with him to the health of the king. During his visit to Uskub, the Crown Prince stayed at the house of our coreligionist, M. Solomon Simha.

The Princes Boris and Cyril of Bulgaria, on arriving lately at Cavalla, were received by the notables of the various communities and by the pupils of the Bulgarian, Greek, and Jewish schools. As soon as Prince Boris alighted, three young Jewesses presented him with two bouquets. He kept one and handed the other to his brother. Mlle. Guilda Benvenisti, daughter of the President of the Jewish community, read in French an address of welcome to Prince Boris, who listened attentively to its terms and then, turning to the headmaster of the School and to the Jewish group, said that he was truly moved and that he would bring to the

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knowledge of the King the warm welcome he had received from the Jews of Cavalla. Prince Boris stayed only a few hours, and during his brief visit he lunched with M. Levi, the municipal doctor.

Jewish Officers in the Bavarian Army.

According to a statement by the Minister of War, there are in the Bavarian Army 88 officers and 193 medical officers who profess the Jewish faith. Bavaria has in this respect long shown its freedom from religious bias. Its example is, however, not followed in the other States of the German Empire.

A Windfall for Educational Institutions in Jerusalem.

[From our Correspondent.]

VIENNA.

Herr Karl Stadler, a merchant in Steinamanger, died there recently at the age of eighty-five. He has left a quarter of a million Austrian crowns for philanthropic purposes, and of this amount nearly 500,000 crowns will go to charitable institutions in Jerusalem.

Jews in Central Asia.

Interesting accounts of the life of the Jews in Central Asia are furnished by a Jewish traveller. In Bokhara all ancient restrictions against the Jews are still in force. Our coreligionists are compelled to wear special clothes, which distinguish them from their neighbours and to ride on donkeys. They must also live in the Ghetto. Their economic position is, however, far from bad, commerce being concentrated in Jewish hands. In Afghanistan the Jews do not suffer much from restrictions, as the native population is proud of its supposed origin from the tribe of Benjamin, and the Emir is regarded as a direct descendant of Patriarch Jacob. Their economic situation is, however, not as satisfactory as that of their brethren in Bokhara. The Mussulmans in Samarcand always speak with pride of the supposed achievement of the great conqueror Tamerlan in transferring the remains of Daniel from Persia to their city. In Turkestan signs of cultural development among the Jews are not wanting. Their recently established organ is making progress. There are also thousands of families in Central Asia descended from Jews who were once forced to adopt the Mussulman faith, but who are still semi-Jewish in their character.

Increased Poverty in Russia.

[From our Correspondent.]

As many as 10,300 Odessa Jewish families have been supplied by the Jewish charitable institutions with fuel this winter, constituting an increase of 1,800 on last year.

The roll of Jewish poor in the town has also been increased by the numerous expulsions from the villages in the South of Russia, the exiles seeking refuge at Odessa.

Six hundred poor Jewish families have applied for fuel at Kishineff, and unemployment is widespread at Lodz, Berditcheff and Bessarabia.

The Chevra Kadisha at Katanga (Congo Belge).

[From a Correspondent.]

ELIZABETHVILLE.

The half-yearly general meeting of the Chevra Kadisha and Helping Hand Society of Katanga was held on the 7th December. The assets of the Society are nearly £200, an excellent result having regard to the fact that the Society was only formed in July, 1911. Complimentary remarks were made concerning the splendid work of certain members of the Committee, and especially the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. C. Kossick. The following were elected; Messrs. E. Kollenberg, President; J. Mayers and Leo Levenberg, Vice-Presidents; N. Gordon, Treasurer; H. C. Kossick, Hon Secretary; L. Ornstien, H. Jacobson, L. Glasstone, M. Levin, I. Glass, A. Rabinowitz, J. Tolkin, and P. Ruda, Committee; H. Glasstone and L. Goldberg, Auditors; A. B. Diamond and E. Kollenberg, Trustees.

Jews in the Philippine Islands.

A Jew from Manilla writes that there are about three thousand Jewish families in the Philippine Islands, many of whom are recent settlers from Russia. They are engaged in commerce and artisanship. The religious bond among the Jews only becomes apparent on the high festivals.

Jewish Services Declined in Russia.

[From our Correspondent.]

The conduct of the Kharkoff Zemstvo is arousing severe criticism in all Liberal circles. The district is being ravaged by a severe epidemic, and the Zemstvo is experiencing great inconvenience through the dearth of medical authorities. Yet it has just resolved not to utilise the services of the Jewish doctors who had offered to work in the Zemstvo hospitals.

Notes from Alexandria.

[From our Correspondent.]

ALEXANDRIA.

The budget of the local Community for the past year shows a deficit of about £3,000, the receipts having been much lower than the Community anticipated. The most remarkable feature of the accounts is the sum of £500 which has been cashed as "Aricha," the annual Communal tax. The income derived from this collection should amount to at least £2,000. I have it on good authority that the Council of the Community are making energetic appeals to the Alexandria Jews in general to comply with the law of "Aricha," according to which all Jews over twenty-one have to contribute a sum of at least £1 per annum. In a country like Egypt where municipal taxes are almost unknown, our coreligionists should see their way to prevent the Community from closing some of its magnificent charitable institutions.

The enormous number of notables who attended the funeral of the late Romano Bey was a proof of the esteem in which this remarkable coreligionist was held by Jews and non-Jews in this country. All nationalities were well represented, and there were few who were not moved to tears when Messers. E. Suares, E. Antibi, and S. Cohen paid their last tribute to the deceased.

Notes from Port Elizabeth.

[From our Correspondent.]

PORT ELIZABETH.

Jewish matters have received a very considerable fillip here during the past few days.

Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, during his visit to consecrate the new Orthodox Synagogue, delivered impressive addresses in the Edward Street Synagogue. His powerful pleadings and earnest exhortations will, we trust, bear good fruit. His hearers comprised all classes of the Jewish community here. For a long period apathy and indifference have characterised the attitude of our local brethren and sisters; Dr. Landau's visits have, therefore, been opportune, and have certainly revived the drooping faith of many.

The Rev. M. M. Levy (late of Ballarat) delivered a sermon in the Western Road Synagogue on the 20th December to a large congregation. His sermon was

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THE lamented death of Rabbi Werner draws attention to the affairs of the congregation of which he was the spiritual head for twenty-one years. The "Strengtheners of the Law" have always been a robust, if not a rich, body, and their existence in the East End has acted as an invigorating element in the Jewish body politic. That for some years they were "in opposition" to the official institutions of metropolitan Jewry has not yet passed into the limbo of forgotten things. That they succeeded in concluding an honourable peace without the sacrifice of an ounce of principle shows them to have been masters of diplomacy as well as defenders of the faith. The loss of their revered Rav has left them orphaned, but not disheartened, and the great citadel of orthodoxy in East London has still an active career to which to look forward.

"Of Age."

"The Machziké Hadass has just come of age," proudly declared Mr. B. Deichowsky, its present President, in the course of a conversation with a representative of the JEWISH CHRONICLE. The chat took place in a corner of the great building in Brick Lane, where the vast "Spitalfields Great Synagogue" stands open day and night. Attached to the synagogue are halls and rooms where the study of the Torah and Talmud is assiduously pursued, while upstairs, in the airy classrooms of the Brick Lane Talmud Torah, six hundred youngsters drink deep of the well-spring of Judaism. It is a picturesque congeries of premises, and it serves many purposes. The weary wayfarer turns in here for shelter and listens to the expounding of the Law, or receives willing help from those a little less poor than he. The pious will wander into the synagogue to say Kaddish, or to read the evening prayer. A young student will take a candle into a corner of the synagogue and, heedless of all around, will chant through the mazes of some abstruse commentary with wonderful fluency. There may gather round him some kindred spirits that have strayed in from the "Yeshivath Etz Chayim," an offshoot of the Machziké Hadass and the Brick Lane Talmud Torah, and these lads will argue over knotty points with wonderful enthusiasm. The artist will find here many different types and some grand heads. Many bear the signs of suffering, the hall-mark of the tribe of the wandering foot and weary breast. Many display great spiritual beauty—they have communed with the Unseen. For fifteen years the synagogue—but the Machziké Hadass as a body are "of age."

Kosher or not Kosher.

Mr. Deichowsky then proceeded to explain the origin of the Machziké Hadass.

"Several East End Jews," he said, "were not quite satisfied with the manner with which traditional Judaism was attended to in this country and particularly with the arrangements for securing Kashruth. The poultry killed at that time was never sealed, kidney fat was being sold, and some of the Shochetim were not quite satisfactory. Representations were made to the Ecclesiastical authorities, who replied with a *non possumus*, and those who felt that Shechita should be placed beyond reproach resolved to make their own arrangements. Rabbi Werner happened at that time to be visiting this country to attend his son's wedding in Glasgow, and he passed through London on his way back to the Continent. The leaders of the new movement knowing of his great reputation approached him and asked him to accept the post of Rabbi of the congregation then established. Rabbi Werner consulted the Rabbi of Bielostok, who had been in London in connection with the Chovevi Zion and was familiar with the conditions here, and acting on the advice he received from his colleague he accepted the position. No sooner did he take up his duties than arrangements were made for separate Shechita, the existence of which caused the official Shechita Board to institute many improvements. Eventually, largely through the intervention of Lord Rothschild, who has always shown very great interest in the Machziké Hadass and recognised our right to our own convictions, and the sympathetic references and the generous support of your journal, peace was established. The Shechita Board assumed supreme financial control, but we still superintend our own Shechita though our Shochetim are officials of the Board. The improvements we asked for have been effected."

Group of Talmud Torah Boys outside the Machziké Hadass Synagogue.

A Fine Charter.

Mr. Deichowsky emphasised the fact that the congregation was not merely concerned with matters of Kashruth, but had as its aims the promotion of Sabbath observance and the general maintenance of traditional Judaissm.

"I cannot do better," he said, "than quote the statement which precedes our book of laws, and which fully sets forth what the founders of our congregation had in mind. The statement is as follows:—

> The objects of the above community are, as indicated by its name, to uphold the Jewish religion in this country, where, to our great regret, the foundations of our law have become weakened, and the whole structure of religion is threatened (as evidence the unsatisfactory state of provision of kosher meat, Passover food and other requisites), and to prevent the Sabbath desecration which is much on the increase, there being, seemingly, nobody able to put a stop to it. Some even favour the reform sects, who try to do away with the oral law altogether, retaining only such precepts of the written law which suit their personal inclinations, rejecting others, even principal laws of the Torah, which do not find favour with them—Who knoweth how much further this may lead to? And in order not to be mixed up with such people, we have established this holy community in order that every one individually may be encouraged and strengthened by the union, to walk in the path of the law as revealed to us on Sinai, and as explained by our teachers, the Rabbis of the Talmud and later authorities, the wells whose water we drink, viz., the Shulchan Aruch, and not to deviate from that path, either to the right or to the left. But to be sure to follow the right course we have to choose and elect a Rabbi great in wisdom and religious fervour whose authority, competence, and sanctity must be testified to by the great Rabbinical authorities of Russia and Poland. Such an one will be our Teacher, our Judge, he will select our Shochetim, he will license our butchers. Let us build our own synagogue, our own house of learning, where every one is free to learn and to teach, so that the knowledge of the law may be spread. Sabbath breakers shall not intermix with us. The following rules, if strictly observed, will protect us against being swallowed up by outsiders, and, with the Almighty's help, we shall so fortify our position that our children after us will be able to follow in the path we have trodden out for them, even as our forefathers has done for us. Thus shall we preserve our sacred religion for generations to come. And may the Almighty bring the redeemer speedily in our days, Amen.

Rabbi Werner and his Successor.

Part of this charter was carried out by the appointment of Rabbi Werner?

"He was a most lovable personality," Mr. Deichowsky said, "a man of peace and a scholar of the first water. We can pay his memory no better or higher tribute than to want a Rabbi who shall be just like him. He is our standard of what an orthodox Rabbi ought to be."

Have any arrangements been made for filling the vacant post?

"Not so far, but the matter is under serious consideration. We feel that it is a task of no little difficulty to secure the services of a spiritual chief of Rabbi Werner's calibre at the salary which our funds will allow us to pay. It was always a source of regret to us that we were not able to offer Rabbi Werner a higher remuneration. We receive a small grant from the Shechita Board towards the salary of our Rabbi, but the bulk of the stipend we have to find ourselves. But we have every hope of being able to surmount this difficulty, as with the Divine blessing we have been able to do others in the past."

Twelve Morning Services.

Mr. Deichowsky spoke with pride of the many religious activities that cluster round the Brick Lane Synagogue, which, by the way, was formerly a chapel.

"Morning service," he said, "is read here no less than a dozen times to different congregations, שחרית being, so to speak, continuous from 6.30 to 10.30. The same thing happens to Mincha and Maariv. The study of the Law and the Talmud proceeds practically all day. In the morning and evening a class is conducted by Rabbi M. Levine, of the Little Alie Street Synagogue. Between Mincha and Maariv another class is led by the Rev. D. Cohen, and Mr. J. Zinkin conducts yet another between eight and nine. Students attend from as far afield as Balham and Plumstead. It is worthy of mention that three weeks ago a gentleman who had Jahrzeit travelled 186 miles, from Newport, in order to say Kaddish here. Much private charity goes on, and the synagogue is a centre of real Jewish benevolence. Those who cry out against the alien Jew should come here and see how he spends his leisure. Jewish learning is not altogether dead in this country, as anyone can see who chooses to listen to the discussions that take place here. Upstairs is the Talmud Torah, under the direction of Dr. B. Sulzberg, and thirteen classes, comprising 600 pupils, study fifteen hours a week in premises that satisfy the most up-to-date requirements. Would that our financial support were equally up-to-date!"

Liberty to Bear the Yoke.

Mr. Deichowsky alluded to the time when the Machziké Hadass had fallen foul of the community, and he expressed his pleasure at the peace which now prevailed.

"The schism was none of our seeking," he declared. "We are anxious to remain on good terms with the community, and to work in harmony for the advancement of Orthodox Judaism. All we ask is that our principles should be respected, and that we may be allowed to arrange all our congregational affairs strictly in accordance with the laws and traditions of our forefathers."

BY THE WAY.

Winnipeg, which has chosen a Jew as alderman is the third largest Jewish centre in British North America. From eight thousand to fourteen thousand Jews, according to different estimates, are settled there and they worship in eight synagogues. An organised Jewish community in this city dates back only from the early eighties, and the rise of a Jewry in Winnipeg may be said to have been one of the consequences of the Russian persecutions of that period. For twenty years, however, the numbers of the Jewish population remained inconsiderable, and at the time of the census of 1901 there were few more than eleven hundred Jews there. The great increase has all taken place during the last decade, the recruits consisting for the most part of Russian and Roumanian immigrants. The new alderman is not the only local Jew who has been chosen by his fellow citizens of all denominations to represent them in the civil government, for Mr. S. Hart Green, also a prominent worker in the Community, is a member of the Provincial Parliament. A phenomenon which is almost inconceivable in this country is the existence in Winnipeg of Hebrew Liberal and Conservative Clubs.

Silistria which promises to become an object of contention between the Bulgarians and Roumanians has a very lengthy Jewish history. A number of Byzantine Jews settled in this city so long ago as the year 967 and as a Jewish centre it was of some importance when the region in which it was situated passed into the hands of the Turks. Under the Mohammedans the Jewries of the northern dominions received little encouragement, and as a Turkish city Silistria practically disappeared from Jewish annals. When the Bulgarian State was created the position of the Jews began to improve. To-day the city has 300 Jewish inhabitants.

The source of dissension at the other extremity of the Balkans, Crete, has both a longer and more important Jewish history. Jews first settled in Crete, whose prehistoric owners were akin to the Philistines, in biblical times. Mention of them is to be found in Maccabees I., Acts, Philo, and Josephus, and the island held a Jewish population of much importance long before the opening of the Christian era. The history of the Jews in Crete resembles to a considerable extent that of other parts of the Diaspora. There were periods of prosperity and there were periods of persecution. Crete produced from time to time Jews of note, and one family in particular, that of Delmedigo, has obtained a repute which extends throughout Jewry. The Jewish population of the island at present extends to less than fifteen hundred.

The establishment of new synagogues at Stamford Hill and Brixton and the projects for the establishment of others still further afield, at Golder's Green and Ealing, point to the extent to which London Jewry has migrated within the course of two generations. Sixty years ago or so, practically the whole of the Jews of London were settled within less than a mile of the Duke's Place and Bevis Marks Synagogues. There was a colony west of the City, in the neighbourhood of the Strand, and to the north in Bloomsbury there was an overflow from that City with another to the East. That generation also saw the beginning of the migration to Mayfair. A synagogue had been in existence in the Borough from very early in last century. Commencing with the era of the establishment of the Reform Synagogue, Jews soon spread in all directions. At first they migrated to the inner suburbs, especially Marylebone and Islington, but as London expanded so did the Jews of the Metropolis go further afield until a ring of synagogues has been established on the northern outskirts of the county boundary, and in a few cases, such as Brondesbury, East Ham, and West Ham, has actually stepped beyond it.

The past decade has seen the population of the Metropolis spread still further from the centre. The electric tram and the motor-car have made districts which were formerly the best part of a day's journey, available as the sleeping-places of London's workers. The example set by the Gentile has not waited long to be followed by the Jew. At Tottenham there is a Jewish community in numbers rivalling those of the capitals of several of the European States. The same is true of East London over the Border. Southend-on-Sea, which may be said to have become a suburb of the Metropolis, has a considerable Jewish population. In the north, St. Albans, and in the south, Croydon, both possess Jewish communities and synagogues.

THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL VISITING MINISTERS IN EAST LONDON.

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS.

Messrs. David Hirsch, B.A., and Louis Morris, B.A., both of Jews' College, have received the appointments of Assistant Visiting Ministers in East London which, as stated in our report of the meeting of the Council of the United Synagogue in another column, have just been made. The Visiting Ministers elected are to be located at the East London Synagogue, and to work under the direction of the Rev. J. F. Stern, who has for many years advocated the appointment of additional workers in the district of which he has charge.

Rev. D. Hirsch, B.A.

Rev. L. Morris, B.A.

THE REV. DAVID HIRSCH, B.A.

Mr. David Hirsch, who is the third son of Dr. S. A. Hirsch, Emeritus Professor of Jews' College, was born in London on March 25th, 1884. He obtained his early education at private schools, his first headmaster being Mr. E. Drielsma, Secretary in the Chief Rabbi's office. In 1904, after having passed through the Preparatory Class, he entered Jews' College. In this year he obtained a prize for Talmud, and in the following year one for general proficiency. In 1906 he was awarded the Barnett Meyers Scholarship, and in 1907 the Evelina Essay Prize for an essay on "Some Jewish Customs to be found in the Apocryphal Book of Tobit." In 1908, he was awarded the Edward Henry Beddington Scholarship, and in 1909 he gained the Adelaide Franklin Prize awarded for proficiency in Hebrew and the tenets of the Jewish religion. In 1910 he again won the Evelina Essay Prize for an essay on "The History of the Passover Hagadah," the more popular portions of which were published in the JEWISH CHRONICLE in April, 1911. Mr. Hirsch also published in the same journal, in March, 1912, an article on "Some Special Purims." In 1911, he obtained the Marianne Samuel Scholarship.

At the London University, Mr. Hirsch has had a successful career. In 1904, he matriculated and entered University College, where in 1905 he obtained the first prize and first certificate for German, and certificate for Ancient History. In 1906 he passed the Intermediate Examination in Arts, obtaining certificates in Greek and Ancient History and marks qualifying for a prize in German, while in 1907 he obtained a certificate in North Semitic Epigraphy. In 1909 he graduated as Bachelor of Arts, in honours, in Hebrew and Aramaic (including Syriac).

From 1906 to 1908, Mr. Hirsch was Hebrew Tutor at Bowden House School, Harrow. Mr. Hirsch has already done a considerable amount of social work in the East End. Almost from its inception he has been a manager at the Hutchison House Club for Working Lads, is the Hon. Secretary of the Managing Committee, the Editor of its magazine and conducts many of its departments. Since 1911 he has been a member of the Care Committee at Old Castle Street School, its Honorary London Visitor for the Children's Country Holidays Fund (Jewish Branch), and a member of the West Whitechapel Assessment Committee of that Fund. Mr. Hirsch is also a Manager of the Jewish Religious Education Board (Rochelle Street) Classes.

He has on several occasions occupied the pulpits of a number of the Metropolitan and Provincial Synagogues.

THE REV. LOUIS MORRIS, B.A.

Mr. Louis Morris was born in London and educated at the Westminster Jews' Free School. He entered Jews' College and matriculated at the London University in 1905, obtaining, the same year, the prize for Classics awarded at the College Matriculation Class. During his studentship at the College, Mr. Morris was awarded many prizes, and has held the following scholarships: The Michael Samuel Memorial Scholarship (in 1906), the A. S. Palmer Scholarship (in 1908), and the Edward Henry Beddington Memorial Scholarship (in 1910). In 1906 he passed the Intermediate Arts Examination at University College, London, and gained certificates in German, Greek, and Ancient History. In 1909 he graduated as a Bachelor of Arts, with second class honours in Hebrew and Aramaic (including Syriac). Mr. Morris, in 1912, passed the Third Theological Examination at Jews' College, qualifying for the Chief Rabbi's certificate of Minister, and thus obtaining the title of Associate of Jews' College. He is now specialising in the Jewish Apocalyptic Literature. In the Jews' College Union Society, Mr. Morris acted as Hon. Secretary during 1908-9, was President for the years 1909-11, and Captain of the College Sports' Club, 1910-12. He is at present President of the South-Western Social and Literary Society. Mr. Morris has already had considerable experience in social work, having been engaged in the Jewish anti-missionary movement in the district of Notting Hill. He has been a Manager of the Notting Hill Lads' Club since its opening. Mr. Morris was Headmaster of the Harrow Road Hebrew Classes (1910-11); and in 1911 he was appointed Headmaster of the Notting Hill Synagogue Hebrew and Religion Classes, a position he still occupies. Mr. Morris has on various occasions preached at Metropolitan and Provincial Synagogues.

COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION.—The following have passed recent examinations: Final, Lionel Leonard Cohen and Aaron Alexander, both of the Inner Temple, Class II.; Percy Charles Davis, Gray's Inn, Class III.; Cecil Lyon Hart and Neville Jonas Laski, both of the Inner Temple, passed in Real Property and Conveyancing, in Class II. and Class III. respectively; Philip Guedalla, Inner Temple, Constitutional Law (English and Colonial) and Legal History, Class II., and Criminal Law and Procedure, Class III.; Frederick Joseph Lemon, Middle Temple, Constitutional Law (English and Colonial) and Legal History, Class III.; Otto Newmark, John de Hart, Cyril Julian Hoffnung-Goldsmid, and Kurt Michael Oppenheimer, all of the Inner Temple, Roman Law, Mr. Newmark in Class I., Mr. de Hart in Class II., and the two others in Class III; Constantine Gallop, Middle Temple, besides passing the final examination, Class I., has been awarded a studentship of 100 guineas a year, tenable for three years.

MR. LIONEL DE ROTHSCHILD, M.P., will preside at the Festival Dinner of the Reedham Orphanage at the Hôtel Métropole on Thursday, April 17th.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—Joseph A. Kaufman (Uppingham and Liverpool College, has been elected to a Scholarship in Modern History at St. John's College.

NORTH LONDON JEWISH LITERARY UNION.—Yesterday week Miss H. M. Cameron, B.A., delivered a lecture on "Survivals in Culture." A discussion followed in which the Messrs. J. Brodetsky, I. Landau, I. Mark, S. Wallach and the chairman (Mr. A. Josaphat) took part. Next Sunday a joint debate will be held with the Chevra Ben Zakkai when Mr. Bell will move "That we should devote more study to Talmudical Literature than to Biblical Literature." He will be opposed by Mr. F. S. Spiers, B.Sc., Rabbi V. Schönfeld will preside.

A Sermon for the Week.

[*Specially Written for the* JEWISH CHRONICLE.]

COMMUNAL SERVICE.

"Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."—Judges v., 23.

Deborah and Barak had gained a great victory over the enemy. In the song of triumph with which they commemorated the event, and which forms the Haphtorah of the present week, they re-counted the tribes who had come up to their duty, who had shared the labour and the glory of the fight. And then there enters into their song a strain of fiery indignation. One town or village, Meroz, had conspicuously hung back. Hidden away in some safe valley, it had heard the call which summoned every patriot, but it knew it was in no danger, and only nestled the more snugly in its security. This selfishness, this want of public spirit, this readiness to allow others to sacrifice themselves for the common welfare while they take no share in the struggle going on around them, excites the bitter contempt of Deborah and Barak, who vent their indignation in the fierce words of the text. Meroz is gone. No record of it, except this verse, remains as an example and warning to subsequent generations. This violent outburst of the ancient poet may serve to remind us of the contempt and anger which men feel who have fought and suffered and agonised, and see other men, who have the same interest in the result that they have, coming out cool and unwounded from their safe hiding-place to enjoy the fruits of a victory they have done nothing to secure. It will sometimes happen that a man or a town passes completely away from the face of the earth or the memory of men, and only leaves a name which serves as a sort of symbol or synonym of some quality—some virtue or vice—for ever. So Meroz stands for the shirker of duty, for him who is willing to see other people fight the battles of life, while he comes in to take the spoils. No wonder Deborah and Barak were indignant. Their wounds were still aching; their people were dead and dying all around them; and here was Meroz idle and comfortable, and yet, because she was part of the same country, sure to derive as much benefit from the victory as any other town. It was not only personal anger that Deborah and Barak felt. This cowardly and idle community had not come to the help of the Lord. It was God's cause that was in danger of being lost through the unwillingness of Meroz to co-operate with the other Israelites. For what Meroz knew, its help might have been just the weight needed to turn the doubtful scale. Yet it had sat through all the critical and dreadful day, looking on and doing nothing.

Meroz in Modern Life.

There are always to be found in the community and in the world people who resemble Meroz. There is an everlasting struggle going on against all kinds of evil. It may change, but it never ceases. It shifts from one place to another. It dies out in one form, only to burst forth in another shape. It seems to flag sometimes, as if the enemy were giving way, but it never really stops. The endless struggle of all that is good in the world against the enemies of God, against wickedness and wretchedness, want and woe, error and prejudice, and all the powers of darkness. And the sad thought which occurs to us sometimes is—how few people are really engaged in that struggle; how few cast themselves into it as compared with the many who stand apart and wish it well, but never expose themselves for it, nor do anything to help it. Consider the various forms in which men manifest their will to work for God and goodness. Those who have had occasion to observe know full well by what a small number of persons all operations which demand public spirit in a community are carried on. Our charitable institutions furnish a signal example. How commonplace has become the complaint that their burden rests upon the shoulders of a few! When any appeal is made, it is the minority—and usually the same minority—who respond. Nor is it only in the giving of money that this want of public spirit manifests itself. The community cries aloud for workers, for men and women who will surrender some portion of their leisure and comfort to the objects we all desire to promote. And it often cries in vain. While a few are induced to come forward, the many reply in the language of Jotham's parable: "Why should I waste my fatness and my sweetness on others?"

Meroz and the Synagogue.

It is even so in religion. In a community like our own how insignificant is the proportion who identify themselves with the synagogue and the objects for which the synagogue stands. Of nominal Jews, Jews connected with their community by the tie of race merely, we have enough and to spare. But of how many can it be said that they are a source of religious strength to the Jewish cause; that they are helping Israel to maintain its identity, and thus ranging themselves on the side of those who are fighting the battles of the Lord against sin and misery and ignorance? Let the number of those who worship in our synagogues from Sabbath to Sabbath, and from festival to festival, the number of parents who are bestowing upon their children a Jewish training in Jewish surroundings, the number of those who are concerning themselves with the many problems the Jewish community has to face—let these numbers testify. We are not thinking of those so-called Jews who do positive harm to the Jewish cause by leading godless, discreditable lives. Note that the sin for which Meroz is blamed is pure inaction. There is no sign that its people gave any aid or comfort to the enemy. They merely did nothing. We hear much about the danger of wrong-thinking and wrong-doing. There is the other danger of not doing or thinking at all. What all communities have to deplore—and our community perhaps more than any—is the great multitude of its useless members, of men and women who are perfectly contended with their uselessness, whose lives might drop out of the host to-morrow, and no one would miss a soldier from the ranks. How does the useless person come to be what he is? Three things contribute to make him unserviceable—cowardice, false humility, and indolence.

Cowardice.

Cowardice we call the most contemptible of vices. It is one the imputation of which we most indignantly resent. But the vice is wonderfully common. Nay, we often find ourselves wondering whether we are not all cowards somewhere in our nature. Physical cowardice is one thing, but moral cowardice is another. To dare to do just what we know we ought to do without being in the least hindered by the presence of those who will hate or despise or ridicule us for what we are doing—that is rare indeed. Men think they can dare till their test comes. As an unpopular minority we Jews are more exposed to the danger of making a weak surrender of principle than any other people. How many of us would be more observant if it were not that we feared the social and pecuniary disadvantages that religious conformity might entail on us! And it is no uncommon thing to come across Jews who not only do not conform to their religion, but who are even ashamed to be known as Jews. Such fears are, of course, craven and despicable; they are mostly exaggerated and unfounded. People who urge them are necessarily lacking in sympathy with Judaism. They may tell you they are Jews in their hearts; but they have not the courage to proclaim their innermost feelings, and the cause of their religious undoing is cowardice.

False Humility.

Another reason why so many men and women hold themselves aloof from the community is that they suffer from what may be styled false humility. Humility is good when it stimulates, it is bad when it paralyses one's active powers; when it causes a person to think—that it makes no difference to a great cause whether he works for it or not. Perhaps this was part of the trouble of Meroz. The little village in the hills, poor and insignificant, may be, lay listening to the gathering of the tribes. She saw the signal fires, and heard the summons resound through the land. But what could she do? What appreciable strength could she add to the host? What would Barak care for her support? So she lay still, and let the battle fight itself out without her. We may all recognise the picture. Whenever men hide behind their conscious feebleness, whenever they can do so little that they content themselves with doing nothing at all—there is Meroz over again. We say, we can do so little for any good cause that there is no use of our doing anything; we give so little to the Board of Guardians or the Anglo-Jewish Association that our contribution would not count; our word is of so little weight, that it need not be spoken in any controversy that is going forward. But consider what would happen if all the little people urged the same plea. Let all the Merozes in the world be so humble, and where will be the army? Only when men and women wake up and shake off the paralysis of their humility shall we begin to see the dawn of a better state of things, which will consist not in the production of a race of heroes, but simply in each man and woman doing his and her best. We are twelve millions of Jews in the world, and we are for ever deploring the insignificance of our numbers as compared with the rest of mankind. But if every member of the House of Israel recognised his responsibilities, what a power to reckon with we should become in the contending forces of good and evil by which the world is swayed! Why do we hear so many complaints of empty places of worship? Because each person who stays away thinks that one person more or less in a congregation does not matter. But it must be evident that if everyone acted on this principle, public worship as such would cease to exist. And why do people thus argue? When we analyse the humility that enfeebles and disarms, we find that at its root it springs from an overthought about oneself, an oversense of one's own personality, and so is akin to pride, like the shyness of some self-conscious people, which is really a form of conceit. It has run all round the circle in its desire to escape from pride, and has almost got back to pride again.

Indolence and Selfishness.

Then there is a third and chief cause for men's shirking the duties and responsibilities of life. It is mere indolence, mere laziness and selfishness. Perhaps Meroz was not afraid. Perhaps she was not shy or distrustful. Perhaps she was simply unwilling to expose herself to danger and to undertake trouble. She hoped that the work of God would somehow get itself done without any sacrifice on her part. Her inhabitants were a self-indulgent people. Is not this the cause that prevents so many Jews from doing their duty to their religion and their community? Judaism is a hard religion to practise. It entails sacrifice—sacrifice, if not of money, of pleasure, comfort and convenience. It is so easy to let one observance after another go, and to drift into irreligion. It requires a strong sense of duty to overcome our natural love of self-indulgence and the other weaknesses to which we have alluded. We have to be brought to recognise that all life is a battle in which the forces of good and evil are contending with each other, and that if we do not actively and openly take the side of the good we are to that extent helping evil to gain the mastery. In this battle—we are taught to believe—Judaism occupies the first line of defence. It stands in the very forefront of the struggle, and it calls upon everyone of us, great and small, to rally to its standard. Blessed, then, is he that cometh "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

THE ATTACK ON SHECHITA.

TO THE EDITOR.—From the Rev. A. COHEN, B.A., Manchester.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Mentor," is unquestionably right in placing Shechita among the problems which demand the immediate attention of the community. Although it may be true that the virus of racial hatred is the germ from which the movement against Shechita originates, one cannot question the purity of the motives of a man like Mr. Galsworthy, who advocates pole-axing for all animals killed for food. He conscientiously believes that the Jewish method of slaughter inflicts unnecessary pain upon the animal, and his opinion is shared by many others in all good faith. The hostility to Shechita is clearly growing in magnitude and intensity, and, unless immediately checked, we may soon have a flagrant instance of a conflict between Jewish and English law. Merely to protest on the grounds of religious liberty is not sufficient, for we lay ourselves open to the retort that principles of humanity transcend sectarian prejudices. Happily we can vindicate the superiority of Shechita even on purely humanitarian grounds. This has been ably done by Dr. Dembo, but his excellent book, "The Jewish Method of Slaughter," is out of print, and difficult to obtain. I would, therefore, suggest that perhaps the most effective way of combating the agitation against Shechita is to issue a cheap reprint of Dr. Dembo's book, either in extenso or in abridged form, for the general public, and to circulate it widely among the men and women who are taking an active interest in the question. The cost, which should by no means be prohibitive, could be borne by the generosity of an individual, or a fund might be opened for the purpose.

MRS. BERTRAM J. SAMUELS, of Castelnau, Barnes, looked very attractive as an exact copy of Gainsborough's picture, "The Duchess of Devonshire," at the Carnival at Holland Park Skating Rink. She skated in an illuminated gilt frame, and gained a valuable prize of a diamond and platinum pendant.

THE LATE MR. A. RAPHAEL.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT NORWOOD.

A service in memory of the late Abraham Raphael was held in the Synagogue at the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum on Sunday. The building was taxed to its utmost capacity. Children at present in the Institution who were pupils of Mr. Raphael were present, and a very large number of his old boys and girls, many of whom travelled especially from the provinces, also attended. Among the members of the Committee present were Mrs. Meyer Spielmann, Chairman of the Ladies' Committee, who sat next to the widow and her daughter in the gallery. Mr. Felix A. Davis, senior Vice-President, and Mr. S. O. Lazarus, Treasurer, occupied the Wardens' Box. Mr. A. I. Belisha and Mr. Frank Cohen were also among the large audience in the body of the Synagogue. The service was conducted by the Rev. Walter Levin, assisted by Mr. Myer Kaizer, the present Headmaster, both of whom were pupils of Mr. Raphael in Liverpool.

The service opened with the singing of Psalm xvi. by the children. The Rev. Walter Levin recited Psalm xxxiv., preached the sermon, and at the conclusion sang Yigdal and Adon Olam to the strain of the pathetic Atonement tunes. Mr. Kaiser recited specially chosen verses, Psalm xv., and Olenu. The Kaddish was recited by all the orphans present, and the whole service concluded with the Priestly Benediction. An intense fervour pervaded the whole service, and the words of the preacher were listened to with rapt attention. The following is an abstract of the sermon preached by the Rev. Walter Levin:—

The hearts of all here are beating with sorrow this afternoon as the heart of one man. There is not one of us present who is not grieving for the loss of an honoured and beloved friend, who, for twenty eventful, and, for the most part, happy years, presided over this great Institution. If, in their happy state, the dead can hear, if they linger in the place they loved of old, it seems to me that the presence of him whom we honoured as a father, and loved as a friend, is with us fully and vividly to-day. We think of all that he did, of all that he hoped for, what he was to us, and what his memory will yet be to us, who now rests from his labours in the service of God. The work which he did is still with us. When his labours ceased, the fruits of those labours in the human material which he trained were left behind for our blessing and for our benefit. The work he did for us follows his life and still lives on. He laboured for the good of those placed within his charge with incessant zeal, and never for a moment did he flinch from that which duty prompted him to do. He never loitered, never wearied, was never conventional, pedantic, or formal. He revelled in the fullness of life and in all that life had to give him in the sphere in which he worked. The boy was his special study, at home, in the school-room, on the playing-field. There was nothing in a boy he did not know, could not explain, did not sympathise with. Such was the man who came to Norwood. He quite naturally soon established a close personal intimacy with the children, guiding them and guarding them with affectionate sympathy. He attached the greatest importance to synagogue services, gave the children many stirring appeals, and taught the boys themselves to take an active part in the services. The sun may sink beneath the horizon, but there is still the radiant after-glow. The sweet music dies away, but there still lingers the echo. The sacred reality may pass away, but there is still the hallowed memory, the touch to hearten, to inspire. Our master has gone. The promise of Isaiah will be fulfilled with him. "I will give unto him, saith the Lord, in my house and within my walls, a name and a power better than sons and daughters, a name everlasting that shall not be cut off."

Addressing the children, the preacher said in part: I appeal to you all, present and past pupils of the Jews' Orphan Asylum, in the shadow of a great bereavement, live only for the highest—'tis the only thing worth while. You may never be great—Oh! pray to be good. Live for God, live for the things that are holy and true, for all that is high and noble and good shall live for evermore. Many a Captain has won a victory in the moment of his death—it may be some who are with us here now, may, from this moment, make response to the message which they never heeded in their teacher's lifetime. I heard once of the story that when the Seneca Indians lose by death one of their tribe, the mourners catch and cage a young bird and keep it confined until it tries its voice in song. They then load it with caresses and kisses and sweet messages, and set it free over the grave, in the belief that it will fly to the yonder land and tell the dead loved one that he is still remembered among the living. So must we lay hold upon sweet melodious deeds of love and send these with our tears and kisses across the grave, across the mysterious sea as messages to our friend that we remember him still and are living as he would wish us to live, loving all that is good, beautiful and true and of good report. Amen.

WILLS.

LEVY.—The will dated May 8th, 1912, of Mrs. Adelaide Levy, of 3, Bessborough Street, Pimlico, who died on December 4th, is proved by her sons, Samuel S. Levy, of 87, Finchley Road, and Morden Solomon Levy, of 70, Piccadilly. The value of the property is £19,961 1s. 6d. gross and £19,797 1s. 2d. net. She gave a gold watch, formerly the property of her late husband, to her son, Louis Solomon; the remainder of her jewellery to her daughters, Adelaide, Annie, and Julia; and the residue to her children, Louis Solomon, Samuel, Morden Solomon, Annie, Adelaide, and Julia, in equal shares.

RAPHAEL.—Mr. Abraham Raphael, late Headmaster of the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, West Norwood, died on December 25th, leaving £2,918 14s. 5d. Probate is granted to the widow, Mrs. Ada Raphael, of 46, Prince's Square, Bayswater.

[LEGACIES are earnestly solicited for the Home for Aged Jews, 105, Nightingale Lane, Balham, S.W.]

THE GREAT SYNAGOGUE.

TO THE EDITOR.—From Mr. BENJAMIN DRAGE, "Aysgarth," Woodstock Road, Golder's Green, N.W.

SIR,—I shall be obliged if you will allow me to refute the very misleading and inaccurate report, that appeared in your last week's issue under the above title. I was in no way "prevailed upon to resign"—quite on the contrary, it was in direct opposition to the wishes of my friends that I took this step.

[It does not appear to us that the statement referred to by our correspondent and his own version are in any way inconsistent.—EDITOR.]

MR. HENRY NORMAN (son of Mr. and Mrs. George Norman, 19, St. Cuthbert's Road, Brondesbury), has passed the final examination as chartered accountant.

DANESWOOD SANATORIUM.—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Franklin, to celebrate their silver wedding, gave the patients and staff a poultry dinner, followed by an entertainment, which Mrs. Franklin had arranged for the Strolling R.N.'s of Bedford to give.

JEWS' COLLEGE UNION SOCIETY.—The Rev. Dr. J. Abelson, M.A., read a paper "Bible Problems and Modern Knowledge" to the Society last Sunday, Dr. H. Hirschfeld (Hon. President) was in the chair. In the discussion which ensued, Dr. A. Büchler, the Rev. L. Mendlesohn, Messrs. W. Hirschowitz, B.A., L. Morris, B.A., M. Gollop, B.A., and the Chairman took part.

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ABROAD AND THE COLONIES.—*Continued from p. 17.*

listened to with marked attention; he has a very fluent delivery, and his knowledge of English is excellent, making allowances for his origin in Palestine.

The Rev. E. D. Lyons, the Chazan of the Western Road Synagogue, continues to give every satisfaction as Cantor, and his beautiful rendering of the services, accompanied by the choir, are much appreciated by the worshippers.

The number of Jewish farmers in the Midland districts is growing apace, and the great improvements taking place in the way of irrigation and lucerne growing show that our brethren as agriculturists are second to none, and that trading is not their only forte.

If all the congregations could be unified under one spiritual head in this province, great good would result, for we are faced with serious questions, which require the consideration of a body such as exists in London and New York. The following matters must sooner or later engage the attention of all thinking Jews, who wish their faith to be preserved: mixed marriages, of which there are so many, in the Western province particularly; unauthorised and incompetent Mohelim; co-operative charity organisations to prevent indiscriminate almsgiving; the discouragement of itinerant *schnorrers*; and several other matters.

News from Many Quarters.

The Lemberg Rabbis have declared one day's fast on account of the intensity of the Galician economic crisis.

The death has occurred, at Cracow, of Herr Leopold Kampf, the famous Jewish dramatist and author of the work "Before the Storm."

The Jewish women in the colonies in Palestine have proved themselves excellent members of the corps of watchmen, and they are quite skilled in the use of firearms.

Imperial Councillor Robert von Fuchs (our Prague correspondent writes) has been raised to the nobility by the Emperor Francis Joseph. Herr von Fuchs, the owner of one of the most important paper mills in Austria, enjoys the highest reputation, not only as one of the leading men in industrial circles, but also as one of the most active workers for the Jewish community of this city. He is at the head of the committee of the Jewish Asylum for Incurables, and is one of the most energetic patrons of the new Jewish Hospital. Austrian Jewry can be proud of such a generous coreligionist who, absorbed as he is by business, always manages to devote much time and thought—besides money—to the welfare of his coreligionists.

Frau Ernestine Thorsch, who died recently in Vienna, has bequeathed 250,000 Austrians crowns to the Jewish community in that city.

On the occasion of the silver wedding of Herr and Frau K. Poznansky, of Lodz, they distributed last week 60,000 roubles to local Jewish charities.

The Yiddish Press in Russia continues to develop. A new large daily, *Unser Leben*, is being revived at Odessa to take the place of the small newspaper, the *Gut Morgen*, and a weekly Jewish Labour organ, the *Zeit*, has appeared at St. Petersburg.

By a recent decree the President of the Jewish Voluntary Association of Bologna, Commendatore Lazzaro Sanguinetti, has been nominated Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

The well-known Florentine philanthropist, Commendatore Ernesto Modigliano, who died recently, has left some important legacies, among which may be mentioned one of £2,000 to the Jewish community and one of £1,000 to the synagogue of the Italian rite in that city. Among his general bequests was one of £40,000, to be invested and the interest to be used for the purpose of providing vegetarian meals to poor scholars during the months of October to April in the cities of Florence, Rome, Modena, Milan, and Turin.

The children of the Talmud Torah at Caceres (Argentina), recently gave a performance of a four-act play "Die Maccabær," specially written by Mr. H. Schkolnich, editor of the Yiddish local paper *Der Verteidiger*. The performance was held in the large hall of the Jewish Mutual Society, and was attended by members of the local community and by visitors from the neighbouring Mauricio and San Tomas colonies. The young actors drew tears from many in the audience by the touching and sympathetic manner in which they rendered their parts.

The death has taken place in the Zichron Jacob Colony (Palestine) of Mr. Israel Schechter, twin brother of Professor Dr. Solomon Schechter. The deceased was one of the earliest Jewish colonists in Palestine, having gone there more than thirty years ago in connection with the Chovevi Zion Society.

M. Camille Lyon, President of a Section of the French Council of State, has been promoted to the dignity of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour. M. Lyon is a Vice-President of the Central Jewish Consistory of France.

The French Academy of Science has awarded a prize of 5,000 francs to Dr. Anselme Schwarz, Surgeon to the Hospitals of Paris. The Minister of Commerce has allocated a travelling bursary of 3,000 francs to M. Cerf, a former pupil of the School of Physics and Chemistry.

The Rev. C. Correvon, Pastor of the French Reformed Church at Frankfort, has become a member of the German Society for Combatting Anti-Semitism, to show his utter abhorrence of the unworthy tactics of the anti-Semites.

The Governor has cancelled the election of Rabbi Treistman as Chief Rabbi of Lodz.

The agitation of the Greek anti-Semites having assumed enormous proportions in the kingdom itself, the Liberal Press is endeavouring to counteract their activity by references to the heroic conduct of the six hundred Jews in the Greek army.

An act of cruelty against the local Shochet is reported from Stroumnitza, the Servians and Bulgarians having ill-treated him and forced him to eat pork.

Mr. Leon Simon, who is making a tour through Palestine, delivered a lecture in Hebrew on Greek literature, on the 3rd inst., at the Hilfsverein Teachers' Seminary in Jerusalem. The audience, which was large and appreciative, showed much interest in the translation of several pages of Plato.

The Grand Duke of Baden has conferred the Order of the Zähringer Lion on Dr. Heilbraun, Gailingen.

THE JEWS IN THE BALKANS.

TO THE EDITOR.—From Dr. H. M. LEON (Ph.D.), Secrétaire Générale, Société Internationale de Philologie, Sciences, et Beaux-Arts, 7, Mount Hooton, Nottingham.

SIR,—In your editorial notes of this week's issue (10th inst.) you say: "There is no probability that Greece or any of the Balkan Powers will maltreat such Jews as may become their subjects as the result of the pending re-arrangement of frontiers."

Permit me to say as one having an intimate knowledge of the Balkan peninsula, and the feelings and sentiments entertained towards the Jews by the various Christian Powers therein, that, so far as Greece is concerned, I wholly disagree with your remarks, and I have very serious doubts as to Bulgaria. It will be a woful day for the Jews in Salonika if that city and district were placed under the rule of the Greeks. In my opinion, every reasonable and lawful effort should be made to influence the retention of Salonika, Serres, Dédé-agatch, and Adrianople as Ottoman territory.

Turkish rule may not be all we would desire, but for members of the Jewish race it is much to be preferred to that of Greece, or some of the other Christian Powers in the Balkans. The account of the assassination of two inoffensive Jews (one of whom was personally known to me) in Salonika, given on page 13 of your current issue contrasts very luridly with your editorial observations on page 10 of the same issue.

In the Provinces.

NOTE.—Insertion of reports cannot be secured unless they reach the office early in the week. Reports of Sunday functions should come to hand not later than Tuesday.

MANCHESTER.

NOTICE.—THE BRANCH OFFICE of the "Jewish Chronicle" is at 147, Gt. Ducie Street, MANCHESTER, where the paper is on sale and Advertisements are received.

[From our Correspondent.]

The Passport Question. Mr. P. G. Glazebrook, M.P., has sent the following reply to the Executive of the recently appointed committee:—

> I am much obliged by your letter and cutting with regard to the treatment of British Jews in Russia, and my views are that they should be treated exactly the same as any other British subjects. Of course it is obvious that Russia cannot be compelled to give them equal treatment if she is unwilling to do so, but I consider that our Government should approach the Russian Government in a friendly spirit and try to secure equality. I am ready to use what influence I have to this end.

In a further letter Mr. Glazebrook, in reference to the reply of Sir Edward Grey to his question in the House of Commons, says: "I am afraid there is nothing more I can do in the matter. The international code of ethics seems to be that justice consists in a sufficiency of similar injustices."

The Rev. H. S. Lewis's Resignation. The resignation of the Rev. H. S. Lewis as Minister of the Synagogue of British Jews is now definite. A Committee has been formed to proceed with the election of a new Minister.

Jewish Board of Guardians. At the monthly meeting of the Board, held on Wednesday week (Alderman I. Frankenburg in the chair), the presentation of a silver rose-bowl was made to Mr. David S. Garson, J.P., on the occasion of his recent marriage, and in recognition of his many years' service as Hon. Secretary of the Board.

Alderman FRANKENBURG, in making the presentation, alluded to the valuable and zealous services the Board had received from Mr. Garson for the past fifteen

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years, and especially to the excellent and most gratifying results of the Aid Committee, by whose assistance the Board was now receiving an addition of about £200 per annum to its income. This was mainly due to a scheme of collecting small weekly subscriptions which had been inaugurated by Mr. Garson. On behalf of the Board he expressed their hearty congratulations and cordial wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Garson, and hoped they would be spared for many years to continue such noble and excellent work for the welfare of their poorer coreligionists.

Mr. HAROLD L. BEHRENS fully endorsed the remarks of the President. Mr FRANK Q. HENRIGUES, in supporting, stated that the members of the Board had equally subscribed towards the gift, thus showing their appreciation of the valued services of Mr. Garson.

In acknowledging the presentation, Mr. GARSON assured the Board that both he and his wife would value their gift above all others he had received, seeing that it came from so many of his co-workers in connection with so important an institution.

A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Mr. Ezra Altaras, and to Mr. Gustave Wihl on the death of his son. The Board likewise expressed its sympathy with Mr. S. Finburgh, who had recently undergone an operation.

The report for December stated that relief had been granted to 101 residents, 2 casuals, 40 fixed cases, and 25 sick cases, total 168, corresponding to 192 in December, 1911. A sum of £158 had been granted in money, and £41 in kind. The medical report stated there were very few cases compared with last year, and no epidemic. The mild weather would account for this satisfactory state of health. Seventy-six patients had been attended, of whom 46 were cured, 21 relieved, and 2 discharged. The number of visits paid was 230.

Withington Synagogue. The Executive of the Withington Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue invited the Rev. I. Simon to deliver a sermon there on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of Master Cyril Rapaport, which took place last Saturday; Mr. I. Rapaport, the father, being one of the original members of that Synagogue. In the course of his sermon, Mr. Simon expressed the hope that as the erection forty years ago of a Sephardi Synagogue in Cheetham, next door almost to the Great Synagogue, was the harbinger of communal progress and prosperity in the North of Manchester, so would the building of the new synagogue of his congregation close to Withington tend to increase united and harmonious work for the cause of Judaism in the South. The sermon concluded with an exhortation to the Barmitzvah, whose intonation of the Haphtorah in accordance with Minhag Ashkenaz was appreciated by the congregants.

Old Boys' Union. The Jews' School Old Boys' Union held its Seventh Annual Re-union and Dinner at the Midland Hotel on Saturday. The Chair was occupied by the President, Mr. EPHRAIM HARRIS, M.A., and the guests of the evening were Mr. E. J. Broadfield and Mr. J. L. Paton, M.A., Highmaster of the Manchester Grammar School. The representative gathering of members contributed to what was from every point of view a highly successful and enjoyable evening.

Mr. J. L. DONIGER proposed the toast to the Old Boys' Union. He gave instances of the work the Union had been doing, and promised his future assistance. Mr. LEVI DAVIS responded.

The toast of the guests was proposed by Mr. J. LUSTGARTEN. To have present both the Chairman of the Governors of the Manchester Grammar School and its Highmaster, he said, was indeed an honour to the Union.

Replying to the toast, Mr. BROADFIELD, as an educationist, spoke of the splendid and willing help the Jews of Manchester had always given in the cause of education. He referred to the speech of the Lord Chancellor on the previous evening on a national system of education, and emphasised strongly the need of the spiritual training of the young.

Mr. PATON, who also replied, said it had been stated that no difference in treatment was shown in his school between boys of different creeds, and that the toleration displayed to Jewish boys particularly was most marked. He objected to the word "toleration." It was a word of the past. It had died with the nineteenth century—good riddance to both. The word now was no longer "toleration," it was "fellowship." For did not both Jew and Gentile meet in good fellowship to further the cause of progress and to suppress vice? "We do not quite know," he said, "what the future has in store for us, but one thing is certain—it is going to test us severely. Only by a good system of education could we hope to carry on the work of our great Empire." He concluded by speaking very highly of the training given at the Jews' School and of the characters of its past and present headmasters.

"The Manchester Jews' School" was proposed by Mr. J. B. COHEN. On behalf of the teachers, Mr. MARTIN KRAUS, M A., the Headmaster, responded. He highly appreciated, he said, the assistance the staff so ably rendered, and he showed how now the lot of the schoolboy is being made a much happier one by the existence of holiday homes and the provision of greater facilities for healthy recreation. Mr. JAMES BAUER responded on behalf of the managers. Mr. SOL. OLSBERG proposed "The Entertainers," for whom Mr. S. BOCK responded. "The Chairman" was proposed by Mr. HARRY LEVI, who paid a fitting tribute to the many endearing qualities Mr. Harris exercised over all "old boys." Mr. HARRIS, in responding, was received with musical honours and uproarious acclamation. He thanked the Union for its expression of good opinion, and whilst pointing out the need of the spiritual in education pleaded for support for the Talmud Torah and the Board of Hebrew Education.

During the evening the following artists contributed to a musical programme: Miss Margaret Hunter, Little Doris, Mr. Baker Gee, and Mr. S. F. Bock.

Talmud Torah and Hebrew Education Board. A meeting of the Ladies' Committee was held on Sunday. Mrs. N. Laski presided. The Treasurer, Mrs. I. Myer, presented the financial statement of the last conversazione, showing a net surplus of £85. She handed a cheque for this amount to the Talmud Torah. On the motion of Mr. M. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. M. Laski, the balance-sheet was adopted. Mr. J. Jacobs expressed the deep gratitude of the management of the Talmud Torah to the Ladies' Committee for their valuable assistance by means of which they had been enabled to reduce the building debt. He conveyed the thanks of the Committee to a number of ladies and gentlemen who had helped to make the function a success. Mr. L. Ellison has presented thirty-six pairs of boots.

Jewish Literary and Scientific Society. At a meeting held on Wednesday week, at Zion Hall, Mr. M. Silverstone, B.A., delivered an address on "The problem of the feeble-minded." He referred to some of the methods of eugenists in dealing with the question as having horrified humanity by their cruelty, and later showed diagrams elucidating the Mendel theory of production. Messrs. H. I. Payman, M. Samuel, and I. Carmel participated in the subsequent discussion. Miss Goodman proposed, and Mr. Million seconded, a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Proposed Amalgamation of Literary Societies. A movement to amalgamate all the Jewish Literary Societies of Manchester is on foot and it is proposed, at an early date, to convene a Conference to consider the question.

Jewish Working Men's Club. Last Sunday night, Mr. Joseph Cohen delivered an address on "Nationalism and the Jews." Dr. S. Herbert presided. A discussion ensued, in which Dr. Herbert, Messrs. D. Isaacs, F. Carmel, M. Samuels, J. Kramner, Berman, and H. Payman participated.

Zionism. Under the auspices of the "Daughters of Zion" Society, Mrs. H. S. Lewis delivered an interesting address on "A Girl's Pastimes," at Zion Hall last Sunday. Miss Weisberg presided. The Misses Adler, Myers, Silvert, and Silverstone took part in the subsequent discussion.

Mr. H. Dagutski, B.A., delivered a lecture last Saturday to the members of the Zionist Society on "The Problem of Unrest in Anglo-Jewry." Miss H. Weisberg, Messrs. Myers, J. Rubenstein, I. Adler, Phineas Cohen, J. Freedman, Chin, Rosenthal, and A. Stewart Gray participated in the subsequent discussion. Mr. Jerome Jacobs presided, and the thanks of the audience was accorded to the lecturer, on the motion of Mr. I. H. Rubenstein, seconded by Mr. Stollov.

A mass meeting will be held in the Derby Hall on Tuesday, January 28th, under the auspices of the Manchester Zionist and Daughters of Zion Societies and Order Ancient Maccabæans, and will be addressed by Herr N. Sokolow, of the Zionist Actions Committee.

Educational Distinctions. At a recent local examination of the London College of Music, the following candidates gained certificates for pianoforte playing in the primary section: Doris Cassel (aged 9), 153, Cheetham Hill Road, and Jinnie Gustave, 13, Mount Pleasant, Cheetham. Both are Pupils of Miss P. Seidman, 159, Cheetham Hill Road.

Benefit and Friendly Societies. The Modin Beacon, No. 24, Order of Ancient Maccabæans, held its quarterly meeting on Sunday at the Waterloo Hotel. Bro. J. Radin, commander, presided. The quarterly balance-sheet, showing a surplus of £15, was adopted. The membership has now reached 212. After several candidates had been initiated, Bro. Sol Cohen, of Liverpool, delivered an interesting address on Zionism and the Maccabæan land scheme. A discussion ensued, in which Bros. Lesser, L. Cohen, L. H. Richards, and Aidmer took part. A vote of thanks to Mr. Cohen was carried on the motion of Bro. L. Amdurer, seconded by Dr. Danziger.—The Don Isaac Abarbanel Beacon, No. 11, held its quarterly meeting also on Sunday at the Maccabæan Club, Broughton Lane. Bro. J. Klapper, commander, presided. The quarterly balance-sheet was unanimously adopted. Bro. Sol Cohen, of Liverpool, delivered an address. The formal opening of the club will take place on Sunday, the 26th. Bro. H. Bentwich, grand commander, will perform the opening ceremony.

Miscellaneous. The marriage of the eldest daughter of the Rev. H. Newman, First Reader of the Great Synagogue, took place on the 7th inst. There was a large attendance at the ceremony and the service, which was fully choral with organ accompaniment, was very impressive. A reception held at the Assembly Rooms was largely attended by the friends of the parties, several of whom travelled from Glasgow, the residence of the bridegroom, Mr. Bernard Span.

Mr. L. Kletz will lecture at the Higher Broughton Literary and Social Society at the Synagogue Chambers, The Cliff, next Sunday, at seven o'clock, on "The National Ideal of the Jew."

LEEDS.

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[From our Correspondent.]

Charity Ball. The outstanding social function of the year—the Jewish charity ball in aid of the funds of the Jewish Board of Guardians—took place on the 9th inst., at the Town Hall. The growing popularity of the ball in recent years had influenced the executive this year to change the venue of the function to the largest hall in the city, and that their decision was justified was proved by the large gathering, there having been an attendance of between 500 and 600—a number which made the twenty-fifth annual charity ball a record event. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress attended, and among the guests were representatives of all sections of the community. Mr. Morris Frais ably discharged the duties of master of ceremonies, and the stewards were Messrs. A. Benedict, H. Camrass, N. Cohen, A. Friedman, A. Frais, S. Frais, L. Gottliffe, I. Goldman, S. Isaacs, L. Isaacs, I. Levinstein, L. Levinstein, T. Labovitch, B. Levy, H. Morris, M. Myers, J. W. Myers, I. Richmond, J. Rosenthal, M. J. Saipe, and S. Wolfson. The whole of the arrangements were excellently carried out by the Rev. M. Abrahams, B.A., and Mr. H. M. Simans (joint honorary secretaries), assisted by the members of the executive of the Board. It is confidently anticipated that the Board will substantially benefit by the proceeds.

The Jewish Shelter and the Charity Council. The question of the present precarious position of the Jewish Shelter and of the responsibility of the Charity Council in not coming to its assistance, was raised at the monthly meeting of the Jewish Board of Guardians, at which Mr. V. Lightman presided.

Mr. NATHAN COHEN drew the attention of the meeting to the deplorable situation of the Shelter. He pointed out that from information he had received that day, the aged permanent inmates—one of whom was totally blind—were about to be turned adrift, and the Institution itself closed unless something was immediately done. He urged that strenuous efforts should be made to prevent such a disaster, as otherwise the poor people affected—both permanent and casual

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—would of necessity become the care of the Board of Guardians, and a most useful institution would be lost to the community.

Mr. S. GOLDMAN, in endorsing Mr. Cohen's remarks, criticised the inaction of the Charity Council. He said that if timely assistance had been given in response to the urgent appeal made to the Council, the present critical position of the Shelter could have been avoided. Those interested were at a loss to understand the apparent indifference of the persons in authority. Of this attitude no explanation had been forthcoming, and he hoped that some statement would be made to the meeting by the chairman, who was President of the Charity Council.

After some discussion, the CHAIRMAN explained that the communication received by him from the Shelter was not, he considered, an official application, and upon receipt of such an application, he would be prepared to call a meeting of the Council to consider the matter.

Jewish Institute. A largely attended concert, arranged by Mr. M. Myers (Honorary President), who presided, took place on Sunday at the Jewish Institute Rooms. An interesting programme was thoroughly enjoyed by the large gathering. On the motion of Messrs. H. Morris (Chairman of the Institute), I. Goldman, and T. Labovitch, thanks were accorded to Mr. Myers.

Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society. At this time of the year the Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society devotes a considerable part of its funds to provide coal and fuel to the widows and necessitous poor, and the severe weather just experienced is no doubt responsible for the unprecedented number of applications for this particular form of relief. To meet the emergency that has arisen, the Executive of the Society have arranged a dance, which is to be held next Monday at St Martin's Institute, Chapeltown Road. Mrs. R. Raisman, the hon. secretary, will be glad to hear from all those desirous of assisting, or requiring tickets.

Jewish Art Successes. The recent Exhibition in connection with the Leeds School of Art contained many interesting examples of the work of two young Jewish students—Phillip Naviasky (aged 19) and Jacob Krammer (aged 20). Both these youths are showing considerable promise. Phillip Naviasky has gained at the Leeds School of Art, during the past year, two King's Prizes from the South Kensington College for a drawing from life and a drawing from antique. Jacob Krammer had two of his recent works included in the Spring Art Exhibition at the Leeds Art Galleries, in addition to having many specimens of his work shown in other exhibitions in the West Riding.

A Clever Child Artist. At the annual social held in the Leeds School of Art last week, little Sarah Krammer, a child elocutionist, gave a very creditable performance. The girl, who is only twelve years of age, shows great artistic feeling, and many competent judges predict for her a brilliant future. Soon after her first appearance in public she attracted the attention of a well-known Leeds lady, who has interested herself in her welfare. Little Sarah (who is a sister of Jacob Krammer, the artist) intends to take to the stage professionally. She recently gained a Junior City Scholarship, tenable at the Throesby High School.

Conversionists and the Jews. In "The Biograph"—a special weekly article in the Leeds *Yorkshire Evening News*, the writer refers to the work of the Conversionists among the Jews as follows:—

> A member of the Established Church has been telling the tale at York Minster in support of that organised humbug—the conversion of the Jews—"thousands and thousands of genuine converts within the present generation." "The man that's throwin' that at ye"—to use Mr. Dooley's phrase—goes by the style and title of Chancellor Austen. Now, if Chancellor Austen wants to touch the spot, let him run over to Leeds and try that on the Leylands (the Jewish quarter), instead of a few credulous old ladies at York. Furthermore, let me say this—it seems a monstrous instance of hypocrisy, or a pitiable example of simplicity, to embark on cant of this kind when, within a stone's throw of the Minster, I will undertake to find Chancellor Austen one or two Christians whose conversion would occupy him for the rest of his natural life. He might begin with one of these, say, and when it was seen that his labour had been effective, he would have a better case for taking up the Jew."

Tuberculosis Association (Jewish Branch). A meeting of the Executive of the Branch took place on Sunday at the Jewish Institute Rooms. Mr. H. Camrass, the President, gave details of the financial position of the Branch, and emphasised the necessity of increased support from the community to the Association. Arrangements were made to hold the annual dance in aid of the funds at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, on February 6th. Mr. Camrass appealed for the co-operation of the community to make the function a success.

Jewish Naturalisation Society. A special meeting of the Society was held on Monday at the Jewish Institute Rooms (Mr. V. Lightman, President, in the Chair), on the occasion of the annual visit of Mr. John Gordon, J.P. Mr. Gordon, who, from its inception, has evinced a practical interest in the work of the Society, took part in the proceedings, and assisted at the taking of the declarations, etc., of the large number of members present. Responding to a vote of thanks accorded to him on the motion of Messrs. V. Lightman, A. Feldman, and H. M. Simans (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Gordon expressed his keen satisfaction at the increased usefulness of the Society, and urged the importance of its work to the large local Jewish community.

Jewish Literary Society. Mr. A. Raisman, B.A. (Oxford), read a paper on "Homer," at a meeting of the members held at the Jewish Institute Rooms on the 8th inst.

Zionism. Under the auspices of the Ladies' Zionist Association, a special meeting was held at the Herzl-Moser Institute last Sunday. Mr. A. Rumyanick delivered a lecture on "The Woman in the Bible." Mrs. Shinbloom presided. The lecturer was thanked, on the motion of Mr. J. Porton, Mr. A. Cohen and Mrs. Hovsha.

Benefit and Friendly Societies. The annual meeting of the Mount Sinai Beacon, Order of Ancient Maccabeans, was held on Saturday night, Bro. Abe Cohen, commander, in the chair. The secretary (Bro. H. Feldman), read the balance-sheet, which showed that there was £226 in the bank and £4 with the treasurer, making a total gain of £58 for the year 1912. The report of the auditors (Bros. D. Segel and J. Porton) on the balance-sheet, and the statement itself, were adopted unanimously. A vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. M. Feldman, seconded by Bro. Altar Cohen, was accorded Bro. Abe Cohen for his services as commander. The following were elected: Bros. J. Farber, commander; A. Arlick, deputy-commander; J. Zimmerman, treasurer; H. Feldman, Secretary; D. Segel and B. Eaton, auditors; C. Caplan and D. Segel, sick visitors; J. Wask and C. Caplan, preceptors; A. Cohen M. Feldman and D. Wineropol, trustees; together with a committee.

The annual meeting of the Sons of Israel Lodge, No. 51, Grand Order of Israel, was held at the headquarters, the Brunswick Hotel, Bro. W. Schultz in the chair. The balance-sheet and report, showing a gain for the year of £58, with a total capital of £270, and a membership of 85, were unanimously adopted. The following were elected: Bros. E. Simon, N.M.; S. Hipshman, V.M.; J. Wolfe, treasurer; P. Freedman and H. Mattenberg, sick visitors; J. Rosenberg and W. Schultz, auditors; I. Labovitch, secretary for State Insurance; E. Simon, delegate to Grand Lodge; together with a committee.—The annual meeting of the Dr. Dembo Lodge, No. 47, took place last Saturday in the Jewish Young Men's Institute. Bro. H. Levene presided. In presenting the report and balance-sheet, the chairman congratulated the members on the successful year. The balance-sheet showed a gain of £44. The total funds amount to £211. The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted. The following were elected: Bros. H. Levene, N.M.; Crown, V.M.; I. Landau, treasurer; Valinski and Isenberg, auditors; H. Baker, guardian; B. Wood and S. Goldman, Grand Lodge delegates; Benjamin and Vigdor, sick visitors; and B. Wood, secretary.

The annual meeting of the Rev. M. Abrahams Lodge, No. 18, Hebrew Order of Druids, was held on Monday, at the Jewish Institute, Bro. I. Shillansky in the Chair. Bro. I. Levinstein, in presenting the balance-sheet, congratulated the members on the continued progress of the Lodge. There was a profit of £49 for the year, making a nett balance in hand of £382, and a membership of 60. The balance-sheet was unanimously adopted. Thanks were accorded to the retiring officers. The following were elected:—Bros. J. M. Levi, president; I. Levinstein vice-president; H. Morris, treasurer; C. Cohen, A. Cohen, and H. Friedenberg, auditors; I. Levi, J. Shillansky, I. Collins, H. Goldberg, and R. Lewis, committee; B. Goodman, sick visitor.

Educational Successes. Miss Annie Bertha Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Cohen, 40, Hanover Street, passed the senior examination of Trinity College, London, in Pianoforte.

LIVERPOOL.

Hospital Sunday. A special choral service was held at the Prince's Road Synagogue on Sunday in aid of the medical charities. The Rev. A. Coleman officiated, and the choir lent its usual effective and impressive assistance. The Rev. S. Friedeberg preached the sermon on the meaning of pain, and devoted the concluding portion to considering the relation of the Insurance Act to the work of the hospitals. In spite of the very unfavourable weather, which prevented several attending, there was a good collection. The sum of £55 was realised.

Bezalel Association. The second meeting of the session was held in the Zionist Hall, Bedford Street, on Sunday. Mr. Bertram B. Benas, B.A., LL B., presided over an excellent attendance. Mr. Maurice Simon, M.A., of Manchester, delivered a lecture on "The Place of Palestine in World History." Mr. Simon treated the subject from the standpoint of the philosophy of history, and reviewed the various aspects of the spiritual and intellectual activities associated with the civilisations sprung from the Palestinian settlement of the Israelites. The lecturer proceeded to trace the bearing of the subject upon the development of the work of re-settlement connected with the Zionist movement to-day. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Simon on the motion of the Rev. I. Raffalovich, seconded by Mr. H. Endbinder, and supported by the Rev. J. Bach. Mr. Simon, in reply, referred to the work of the Bezalel Association, and congratulated the Liverpool community upon its formation and the success which it had achieved.

Zionism. A mass meeting of the Central Council will be held at the New Annexe of the Zionist Hall, on Sunday, the 26th inst., at half-past six, when Herr Nahum Sokolow and Dr. C. Weitzmann, of Manchester, will deliver addresses. Admission will be reserved to ticket holders only, and tickets will be distributed to the members of all the Zionist Societies. Members of the general public wishing to attend, must apply for tickets to the Hon. Secretaries of the Zionist Central Council, 58, Bedford Street.

Junior Literary and Social Society. Mr. H. G. Auerbach delivered an interesting address to the members of the Society, on Sunday, entitled: "A strange country from an Englishman's point of view." Mr. Lionel Collins, Hon. President, was in the chair, and there was a large gathering. The lecturer gave an account of a journey to Poland, and described scenes that he had witnessed. On the motion of Miss L. Ginsburg, seconded by Mr. N. Price, thanks were accorded the lecturer.

Jewish Master Tailors' Federation. The annual conference of the Jewish Master Tailors' Federation was held in Liverpool on Sunday at the Hotel St. George. Delegates were present from London, Birmingham, Cardiff, Manchester and Liverpool, together with a large number of members from the local branch.

In submitting the report of the year's working the secretary said the Federation, during the two and a half years in which it had been in existence, had fully justified that existence. The year's work under review had shown that several branches had responded towards a forward movement, with two notable exceptions—Leeds and Glasgow—both very important centres for tailoring. Giving details of organisation he said the Manchester branch had made excellent progress owing to its members proceeding on politic lines. The Liverpool branch, which had re-entered the Federation at last year's conference, had more than made good its former position. The branch had made an application for increase of prices through the Federation and in company with Manchester hoped to succeed. Some of the branches were desirous of dealing with the merchant tailors without the assistance of the Federation, but he urged upon every branch to invoke the aid of the Executive in every move towards progress which was made. The Manchester merchant tailors were desirous of dealing with the master tailors individually, but Liverpool had maintained—and rightly—that this was not a matter for individual treatment, but could be done only through the Federation. As a representative of the Federation on the Trades Board, he called attention to the Trades Boards Act, which was to be extended, and urged the delegates present to give serious consideration to the matter, which was of very great importance to them.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted after some discussion.

The following officers were elected: Messrs. E. Symons (London), president; A. G Logette (London), vice-president; J. M. Libgott (London), treasurer; H. Solomon (Cardiff), and S. Hart (Birmingham) auditors; B. Hudson (Liverpool), C. Woolf (Birmingham), and E. Williamson (Manchester), trustees; W. Isaacs (London), general secretary; and J. Rubinstein, J. Schiller, and B. Pearl (London), members of the executive.

It was resolved that the Conference next year should be held in London.

Various resolutions dealing with important matters affecting the tailoring trade were adopted.

In the evening, the delegates were entertained to dinner by the Liverpool Branch. Various toasts were honoured. The respective speakers were Messrs. A. G. LOGETTE (who was in the chair), J. RUBINSTEIN, MICHAEL L. HYAM, and S. SWERDLOW.

The Liverpool delegates to the Conference were Messrs. B. Hudson and A. Davies.

GLASGOW.

[From our Correspondent.]

Visit of the Rev. M. Abrahams. The Rev. M. Abrahams, B.A., of Leeds, visited Glasgow last week-end, principally to address the Jewish Literary and Social Society. During his visit he made several public appearances. On Saturday morning he preached in the Garnethill Synagogue, and on Sunday he conducted an examination of the Langside Hebrew Classes. On Sunday afternoon, accompanied by the Rev. I. Levine, he paid a visit to the Jewish Young Men's Institute and addressed the members.

Mr. Michael Simons, D.L., J.P., presided over the meeting of the Jewish Literary and Social Society in the evening, when Mr. Abrahams spoke on "Jewish Riddles." The riddle, he said, was, in its earliest form, a primitive attempt to solve the question of life and was really a metaphor or analogy. Hebrew literature contained many riddles, to which it had a tendency, and much that was best in their philosophy was in the form of question and answer.

Replying to the vote of thanks accorded him, Mr. Abrahams referred to his two previous engagements that day. The children of the Langside Hebrew School

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he found very efficient, and he expressed great admiration for the work that was being done by the Young Men's Institute, which, he thought, should receive every support from the community.

Jewish Choral Society. The Jewish Choral Society held another musical evening last week to complete the study of the period of Bach and Handel. The works of each composer referred to were illustrated by selections (solo and concerted), in which the following members of of the society took part: Mrs. M. K. Cooper, the Misses Amy Phillips and E. Bogue, and Messrs. C. Morton, J. M. Samuel, P. E. Phillips, and J. C. Samuel. The next evening will be held on Wednesday, February 12th, the period to be studied being that of Haydn and Mozart.

Benefit and Friendly Societes. The election of officers of the Leo Pinker Beacon, No. 12, Order of Ancient Maccabæans, took place last Sunday in the Brass Finishers' Hall, Main Street. The following were elected: Bros. N. Robinson, commander; M. Weiner, deputy commander; C. Greenblat, treasurer; A. N. Zegleman, secretary; L. Kaplan, recording secretary; H. Lyons, J. Harris, and J. Jesner, trustees; Loenstein, M. Goldman, and M. Weiner, auditors; R. Berman, B. Silver. H. Klebansky, and J. Klebansky, preceptors. In the evening a supper was held, and a presentation of a cheque and medallion, suitably inscribed, was made to the retiring commander, Bro. L. Klar, in recognition of his services. Mrs. Klar was presented with a pair of oil paintings. Bro. Klar suitably acknowledged the presentations.

Miscellaneous. The Rev. E. P. Phillips, of the Garnethill Synagogue, has been elected a member of the Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow.

Mr. Solomon Levine (second son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Levine, 120, Shamrock Street), has passed the minor examination of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, qualifying him as a chemist and druggist.

Mr. David Levine (son of the Rev. I. Levine, of the Garnethill Synagogue), has commenced practice in Glasgow as a solicitor.

The children of the Garnethill Hebrew and Sabbath Schools have collected a sum of over £5 10s. for the local Hospital Sunday Fund.

Mr. A. Levy addressed the members of the Jewish Young Men's Institute last Sunday on "'Tis for young men to see visions and for old men to dream dreams." Mr. J. Sachs presided.

Mr. F. Harcourt Kitchin, editor of the *Glasgow Herald*, who was to have addressed the Jewish Literary and Social Society on the 5th inst., will speak instead next Sunday evening. Mr. Kitchin will speak on "The Modern Newspaper." Members are requested to make a special endeavour to be present so as to ensure as large an attendance as possible.

Abertillery. The fourth annual Jewish ball was held on the 8th inst. at the Drill Hall. One hundred and eighty guests were present, including visitors from several other towns. The stewards were Messrs. A. Rose, A. Brest, H Solomon, H. Harris, H. Bloom, and S. Jacobs. The latter also carried out the secretarial duties. The proceeds are to benefit the funds of the congregation, which will receive about £10 10s.

Birmingham. The Jewish Young Men's Association will commence its winter term next Sunday, at the Imperial Hotel, when the Rev Dr. J. Hochman will deliver an address on "Religion and Politics."

The annual meeting of the Hebrew Philanthropic Society was held on Sunday in the Council room of the Congregation. Mr. George Nathan, the president, moved, and Mr. George L. Joseph, the treasurer, seconded, the adoption of the report and balance sheet. At the subsequent election, all the retiring officers were re-elected. The following recommendation of the committee was adopted:—"That in view of their long connection with, and valuable services rendered to this Society by Mr. John Phillips and Mr. Albert Phillips, they be and are hereby elected extra members of the committee for life." Thanks were accorded to the president, treasurer, hon. solicitor, Mr. B. Silverston, B A., LLB., the hon. auditors, and secretary. The eighty-fourth annual report states that though little other than routine business was transacted during the past year it has necessitated careful attention and minute investigation to have regard for the condition of the funds, and yet achieve the best results for those who appealed to the Institution for help. The committee hopes the income will be augmented in the near future to relieve its successors from all anxiety in discharging the functions of its office. The total income for the year was £420 as compared with £456 in its predecessor, due to the falling off in annual subscriptions. The expenditure was £463. The thanks of the committee are offered to the Rev. G. J. Emanuel, Messrs. Ahronsberg Bros., Messrs. L. A. and D. L. Dight, Messrs. G. L. Joseph, Jose Landau, and Harry Jacobs, for making a special collection, which realised over £77, and to the Charities Aid Society for its dontation of £10. Thanks are also accorded Messrs. Andrew A. Jacobs and E. Laurence Levy for their efforts in making the seventh annual concert a great success.

Miss Leah Pinnick, the popular local soprano, will sing at the Gaiety Theatre Sacred Concert next Sunday, in aid of the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women.

Blackpool. At a meeting of the Blackpool Division Liberal Association held last Saturday evening, the following resolution was passed:—

> That in the opinion of this meeting the principle of Liberal Foreign Policy should be that of attachment to the great human causes for which Liberalism stands, and that, as far as practicable, working agreements with other nations should be governed by this principle, and that to this end it is desirable that our Foreign Policy should be more effectively controlled by the House of Commons.

Mr. Joseph Myers took part in the debate, and asked whether the principle of religious freedom and equality was one of those for which Liberalism stood. A hearty assent was given by the meeting to this enquiry, whereupon Mr. Myers gave a *résumé* of the Passport Question as it affected the Jewish subjects of the British Empire and how this question had been treated respectively by the Foreign Offices of England and the United States. Both during and at the close of his remarks, the sympathy of the meeting was entirely with the speaker. Mr. S. Schur followed to the same effect, and the question was fully debated by subsequent speakers, all of whom expressed their dissatisfaction with the action of the English Foreign Office in the matter.

Bradford. The annual meeting of the Jewish Institute was held on Sunday. Mr. Solberg, who presided, presented a report of the work of the past year. The hon secretary, the Rev. I. Livingstone, referred to the excellent literary syllabus that had been arranged by the literary committee. He said that they were specially indebted to the Union of Jewish Literary Societies for their help in providing additional lecturers. The balance-sheet, which showed that the Institute was financially sound, was adopted. A number of resolutions were adopted, and thanks were accorded the past officers and committee. The following were elected: Councillor Jacob Moser, J.P., hon president; Messrs. M. Solberg, chairman: A. Maizels, vice chairman; S. Jerome, treasurer: the Rev. I. Livingstone, hon. secretary; Messrs. D. Sugarman, hon. financial secretary; B. Bernstein and E Brodie, auditors; and a committee of eight. The annual ball was held on Wednesday week. Mr. Leonard Hyman was M.C. and Messrs. A. Blievers and H. Cohen stewards.

A debate was held on Sunday at the Jewish Circle for Young People. The Rev. I. Livingstone presided. Mr. J. Bernstein moved: "That the interests of the Jewish people should influence Jews in their actions as English citizens." Mr. M. Maizels opposed.

Bristol. The annual meeting of the Jewish Club and Institute was held at the new premises, 52, Park Row, on Sunday. Mr. M. Schwartz, the President, in submitting the report and balance-sheet for the year, stated that the Club had both a satisfactory surplus of assets and a good balance in hand. The accounts were unanimously adopted. The President and Vice-President were re-elected. Mr. J. Levi was elected Treasurer, and Mr. A Deane Gent-Wood, Secretary. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Levi and Mr. A. Cohen, the late treasurer.

Cardiff. At a meeting of the Jewish Literary and Debating Society, last Sunday, a paper was read by Mr. H. Craily on "The influence of the pulpit upon the morals of mankind."

Dublin. The Jewish Dispensary, which has been established by the Dublin Hebrew Congregation, and not by the Maccabæan Society, as stated in a previous issue, will commence work on Tuesday, the 28th inst. at its premises, 1, Stamer Street.

Edinburgh. Owing to the departure of two of its most enthusiastic workers, who have permanently gone to reside in Palestine, it has been deemed advisable to disband the Zionist Culture Association. Its assets, amounting to over £11, have been sent to the National Fund. In its place a Committee to do Zionist work has been formed under the name of Achai Zion, who will hold weekly meetings, as locally advertised. The new Committee have been able to send over £5 to the Yemenite Fund. It is requested that all communications regarding the new Committee be sent to Mr. I. Eban, M.A , B.Sc., 2, Buccleuch Street, Edinburgh.

A memorial service for the late Mr. Maurice Isaacs, J.P., was held in the Synagogue, Graham Street, on Sunday. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Fürst, assisted by the Rev. A. Levinson. Mr. Fürst delivered a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The service was choral, and Mr. Symon Stungo presided at the organ. There was a large congregation, which included many Christian friends of the bereaved family.

Middlesbrough. Mr. and Mrs. H. Benjamin have presented a handsomely embroidered curtain for the Ark to the synagogue, in honour of the Barmitzvah of their youngest son.

Newcastle-on-Tyne. Next Sunday, the Rev. M. Rosenbaum, of London, will deliver an address to the members of the Jewish Social Institute. On Wednesday, Sir Walter Plummer, D.C.L., will deliver an address to the members and their lady friends.

The annual meeting of the Chevra Kadisha was held on Sunday at the Synagogue Chambers, Leazes Park Road. The President, Mr. Louis Wolff, was in the chair. The report and balance sheet showed that the Society was in a sound financial position. The income was a record in the history of the Society, whilst the expenditure had largely decreased owing to the small number of charity funerals. On the motion of Mr. P. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Lionel Brown, the report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted. The following were elected:—Messrs. L. Wolff, President; M Kinsler, Life-Vice-President; Adam Solomon, Treasurer; A. Richman, Hon. Secretary; D. Solomon and A. Van der Velde, Auditors; and a Committee. Mr. D. Cohen was elected a Trustee in place of the late Mr. D. Marks. On the motion of Mr. A. D. Solomon, seconded by Mr. A. Van der Velde, thanks were accorded to the executive for their services. The annual gathering of the members and their wives will be held in a month's time. Mr. S. Abrahams has undertaken the duties of Hon. Secretary during Mr. A. Richman's absence from town.

A lecture was delivered, at the Young Men's Jewish Association Rooms, last Sunday evening, by Mr. J. Faith, the subject being the "Life of Benjamin

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Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield." The President, Mr. M. T. Samuels, was in the chair. A public meeting will be held in the Synagogue Chambers on Sunday, at 8 o'clock, to consider the position of the Association. A dance, under the auspices of the Association, will be held on January 27th, in the Maple Street Hall.

Norwich. A concert, organised by Mr. George Haldinstein, was given at the Hebrew Social Club on Sunday. The following were among the artists: The Misses Harrison, Haldinstein, Herman, and Mahony, Messrs. G. Haldinstein and Mahony, and a party in a sketch. The vote of thanks was moved by Mr. H. Herman.

Plymouth. At the annual meeting of the Chevra Kadisha and Bikur Cholim, held on Sunday, the following were unanimously elected: Messrs. T. Brand, president; M. Sanger, vice-president; I. Cohen, treasurer and hon. secretary *pro tem.*; E. P. Ellis and S. Owen, auditors; and a committee.

Pontypridd. A general meeting of the congregation was held on Sunday, at the Synagogue Chambers. The Rev. E. Berry, of Llandudno, was elected Minister, and has since taken up his duties. The following were also elected: Messrs. S. Elkan, President; D. Corkland, Warden; A. King, Treasurer; and S. Stone, Hon. Secretary. An Educational Committee was formed by the Rev. E. Berry, of which the following are members: Messrs. D. Cohen, S, Elkan, A. King, M. Fishout, M. Rosenbaum, A. Levy, D. Corkland, and S. Stone (Hon. Secretary).

Sheffield. The Hospital Sunday Service will be held in the Synagogue, North Church Street, next Sunday at half-past four: The sermon will be preached by Rabbi H. M. Lazarus, B.A., Minister of the Brondesbury Synagogue, London. Rabbi Lazarus will lecture in the evening, at half-past seven, at the Jewish Working Men's Club, Rockingham Street, on "The Life and Influence of the Wilna Gaon."

Rabbi Barnet I. Cohen, B.A., is a vice-president and a member of the executive of the Hospital Sunday Committee, on which Mr. M. Wigram is the lay representative of the Sheffield congregation.

Rabbi Cohen lectured on "The Structure of the Talmud" last week to a large gathering of Nonconformist clergymen. The Rev. H. H. Oakley presided, and the appreciation of the Rabbi's learned address was voiced by the Revs. E. H. Titchmarsh, M.A., and John F. Matthews. The lecture was given at the Glossop Road Baptist Chapel, and was held under the auspices of the Sheffield Nonconformist Ministers' Union.

Southend. A special general meeting of the Southend and Westcliff-on-Sea Congregation was held at the Synagogue Classrooms on Sunday, for the purpose of adopting the newly-framed laws. Mr. D. Kontili, president, was in the chair. Thanks were accorded the Law Sub-Committee. On the motion of Mr. L. B. Abrahams, B.A., seconded by Mr. Albert E. Moss, it was resolved to convey to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard B. Franklin (hon. members of the congregation) heartiest congratulations on the occasion of their silver wedding.

A successful matinée for the benefit of a poor family, was given at the New Palace of Varieties, Westcliff-on-Sea, on the 8th inst. The organiser, Mr. A. Solomons, with the assistance of Mr. Henry Jacobs, was enabled to secure the gratuitous services of several well-known London artists. The Mayor of Southend was one of the contributors to the fund.

Stockport. A reception was held yesterday week in honour of Mr. Freedman, on his departure to Australia. Councillor Winter presented him with an illuminated address. He spoke of Mr. Freedman's membership, for twenty years, of the congregation, during which period he had occupied the offices of president, treasurer, secretary, and also marriage secretary. In responding, Mr. Freedman remarked that he would remain a member for life, no matter in what part of the globe he resided.

Mr. Williams has been appointed marriage secretary, in place of Mr. Freedman.

Sunderland. A debate on "The Merchant of Venice, was Shakespeare anti-Semitic?" took place, last Sunday, at the Jewish Literary and Debating Society. Mr. I. J. Golding presided. Mr. N. Levinson spoke in the affirmative, and Mr. S. Novinski in the negative. Miss L. Rubin, and Messrs. P. Brewer, J. Rubin, L. Gillis, H. Levinson, and H. Levine took part in the discussion.

Swansea. Miss Regina Miriam Bloch lectured at the Literary Society last Sunday on "Israel Zangwill, the Man and his Works." Mr. Michael Jacobs presided.

Tredegar. The West Monmouth and Breconshire Orphan Aid Society has just remitted over £22 to the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, West Norwood, which represents a substantial increase over the previous year's collection. This is due to the special efforts made by Mr. L. L. Fine, J.P., hon. president; Mr. S. Wolfson, president and treasurer; Mrs. I. Pruss (New Tredegar), the recently-elected assistant hon. secretary; and the following gentlemen, who rendered valuable services as honorary collectors: Messrs. B. Roskin (Abercorn), W. Wolfson (Bargoed), and M. Wolfson (Penygraig). It is pleasing to record that this branch has maintained its credit for energetic work for many years on behalf of the charity. Mr. S. Louis Harris, the hon. secretary of the Society, has received the cordial thanks of the managers of the institution for himself and his colleagues.

Waterford. Mr. S. Robinson, L.D.S.I., of 15, Eldon Terrace, has been appointed Dentist to His Majesty's Troops at Cahir headquarters.

Wolverhampton. The annual meeting of the Hebrew Philanthropic Society was held on Sunday. Mr. G. Greenstone presided. In moving the adoption of the balance-sheet, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand, the president and treasurer referred to the good work the Society had done since its inception. Thanks were accorded the retiring officers for their services. The following were elected: Messrs. G. Greenstone and D. Goodman, president and treasurer respectively; S. H. Benoliel, hon. secretary; J. Sternberg, hon. collector; E. Goldenberg and M. J. Greenstone, auditors: and a committee. Several new members were enrolled.

THE COMEDY SOCIETY ENTERTAINERS under the direction of Mr. Bernard De Jongh presented their programme to the members of the Leyton and District Jewish Club on Sunday. The Directors request us to state that as their programme for the entire season is completely full, they regret they are unable to comply with the numerous applications they are constantly receiving for their services.

YOUNG HEBREW ASSOCIATION.—Last Sunday at Redman's Road Talmud Torah, a lecture was delivered by Mr. Morgenstern on the Hebrew Poet, Bialik. Mr. D. B. Steinberg, B.Sc., A.I.C., presided. Miss F. Horwitz and Messrs. A. Bernstein, B.Sc., A. B. Greenbaum, A. Tessel, and M. Sklar took part in the discussion. On the motion of Mr. Culank, seconded by Miss R. Joseph, thanks were accorded to the lecturer.

SANITARY ASSURANCE.—**Before renting or purchasing a house it is advisable to obtain an independent report on the condition of the drains, sanitary fittings, and water supply. Moderate fees for Sanitary Inspections on application to the Sanitary Engineering Co., 115, Victoria St., S.W. 'Phone, 4316 Victoria.—[ADVT.]**

UNITED SYNAGOGUE.

VISITORS IN THE EAST END.

TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS.

A meeting of the Council of the United Synagogue was held on Monday, at Jews' College. There were present:—

Mr. A. H. JESSEL, K.C., one of the Vice-Presidents, in the Chair; Messrs. L. Benjamin, W. Benscher, J. Bernberg, H. Bernhardt, J. Breslar, L. Cohen, N. D. Cohen, J. Davids, A. Davis, F. A. Davis, M. Duparc, S. H. Duparc, M. Epstein, L. Frank, L. B. Franklin, J. Freedman, H. H. Gordon, L.C.C., J. Greenbaum, S. Heilbuth, G. Jacob, J. Jacobs, J. M. Jacobs, L. Joseph, D. Josephs, E. Kahn, S. J. Kempner, W. T. Leviansky, J. M. Lissack, A. L. London, N. S. Lucas, J. Meller, E. Norden, S. Rosenbaum, F. Rossdale, E. de Rothschild, S. B. Rubenstein, H. Salmon, J. Samuel, Selim Samuel, W. Scheier, A. Solomons, R. Sonnenthal, M. Stephany, A. E. Sydney, J. Trenner, S. Wallach, A. M. Wartski, and A. M. Woolf.

The Rabbinate.

Mr. H. BERNHARDT asked whether the Chairman could make any statement as to the proceedings of the Rabbinate Selection Committee.

The CHAIRMAN said that he would make a statement at the conclusion of the business. (Mr. Jessel's speech is reported in full in another column.)

Mr. L. B. Franklin's Silver Wedding.

The CHAIRMAN said that before proceeding to the business on the agenda, he desired to propose a vote of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Franklin, on the attainment of their silver wedding. (Cheers.) Had Mr. Franklin been present, he would have been pleased to receive such a mark of the Council's confidence, but in his absence it would be possible to say things which——

Mr. Franklin entered the Council Chamber at this point, and was received with loud cheers.

The CHAIRMAN, continuing his remarks, said that some years ago—he thought he was a prime mover in the matter—the Honorary Officers had passed a self-denying ordinance that they would not pass votes of thanks to one another. He did not think this vote came within the restrictions imposed by that very proper regulation. This was especially an occasion on which they were entitled to say, in Mr. Franklin's presence, under what obligations they were to him for the very conspicuous services he rendered to the United Synagogue. The work he did did not loom largely before the public eye, but it was work done with tact and discretion and in confidence. Those who had come into contact with Mr. Franklin were aware of the extraordinary ability with which—supported by his colleague, Mr. Leviansky—he carried out a very difficult and onerous task. The hon. officers were very much indebted to Mr. Franklin for the very wise and sage advice he gave on many questions of grave difficulty which came before them. They congratulated themselves on having his assistance, and he hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Franklin would have very many years of wedded happiness. (Cheers.) Those members of the Council who had marriageable daughters he advised to hurry up, or possibly the marriage portions, which they gathered from the papers were available as a result of a happy inspiration on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, would be snapped up, and they would not have those opportunities of starting in life which they possibly desired. (Laughter.) He had much pleasure in moving the vote of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin. (Cheers.)

Mr. F. A. DAVIS seconded the vote, and alluded to Mrs. Franklin's support of her husband in his public work. The motion was supported by Messrs. J. M. LISSACK and M. DUPARC, who, as members of the Burial Committee, testified to the ability and grasp of detail which Mr. Franklin brought to bear on the work of that Committee.

The vote was carried by acclamation.

Mr. FRANKLIN, in reply, said that he was much touched by the kindness with which they had referred to such services as he had been able to render, and he was particularly touched by the way they had referred to his wife. They all knew that their wives by their unselfish arrangements helped them to serve the public. He was proud to be a member of the United Synagogue and to carry on some of the work to which his father had been most attached. He had always received the assistance of his colleagues and enjoyed the friendship and consideration of every member of the Council. Some of the best times of his life and some of his pleasantest recollections were in connection with his work for the United Synagogue.

Mr. Sydney's "Twentieth" Birthday.

The CHAIRMAN said he desired to refer to another anniversary—the birthday of the youngest member of the Council, their friend, Mr. Sydney, who had entered his twentieth year. (Laughter and cheers.) He did not know whether the fact that he was now legally liable for his contracts impressed itself very seriously upon him, or whether he ought to bestow upon him something in the nature of those exhortations which it was the custom to bestow on Barmitzvah boys. (Laughter.) But he thought they might express their congratulations and their satisfaction at seeing Mr. Sydney in such good health and good form. (Cheers.) He did not know if he was telling a secret, but what was commonly called "a little bird" had whispered that there was a movement on foot to have Mr. Sydney's portrait painted so that it might be hung up in the offices of the institution. He was sure Mr. Sydney would make an amiable sitter, and he hoped they would have the gratification of handing an excellent presentment of his physiognomy down to future generations. He hoped that Mr. Sydney would be spared for many years to the United Synagogue and the community at large. (Cheers.)

Mr. FELIX A. DAVIS said that he had been about to apply the adjective "ever-green" to Mr. Sydney, but he recollected that "green" could in no sense be applied to Mr. Sydney. He was one of the most remarkable men in the community, and he felt sure that his "20th" birthday would be the forerunner of many others, and that they might long continue to enjoy the benefit of his valuable legal advice. "Venerable" was, they saw, only a relative term, and Mr. Sydney combined the experience of old age with the joyousness of youth. (Cheers.)

Mr. SYDNEY, who was loudly cheered, said he was extremely touched by the way in which these observations had been put before them, but the whole thing was a mistake. Mr. Jessel assumed that he was eighty but he was only seventy-nine. (Laughter.) Therefore they were about a year in advance, but he accepted their kindness all the same. He was very much astonished that they should wish to place his portrait among the Rabbonim. Anything more out of place he could not imagine. (Laughter.)

Visitors in the East End.

Mr. A. M. WOOLF submitted a report relative to the appointment of additional visitors in the East End. The report referred to the work of the visitors already engaged in visiting houses of mourning, and stated that Mr. Leopold de Rothschild had offered to defray the stipend of two additional visitors in the East End, and a provisional committee had drawn up a scheme of activity, which provided for the visitors to associate themselves with various school and social committees in the East End, to encourage attendance at religion classes and public worship, to advise families in need of assistance, and to take part in general religious and social work. The provisional committee submitted the following recommendations:—

I.—That the offer of Mr. Leopold de Rothschild to place at the disposal of the United Synagogue the sum of £208 per annum, to provide the stipends of two Assistant Visitors in East London, be gratefully accepted.

II.—That a Committee, to be provisionally called the Committee for the Welfare of Jewish Residents in East London, be appointed:—

- *(a)* To supervise and control the work of the two Assistant Visitors in connection with the East London Synagogue as its centre.
- *(b)* To take over the administration of the activities of the Committee of Workers among the Jewish Poor, now being conducted at the Jewish Institute.

(c) To supervise and control the work of the Visitors to the Houses of Mourning.

III.—That the following be constituted the Committee for the Welfare of Jewish Residents in East London, with power to co-opt: Messrs. Albert M. Woolf, L. B. Franklin, W. T. Leviansky, David Moses, N. S. Lucas, W. R. M. Woolf, H. M. Albert Woolf, and the Revs. J. F. Stern and S. Levy, and that the said Committee shall serve until May, 1915, after which date the Committee shall be elected biennially in conformity with the Council's regulations appertaining to elections.

IV.—That the Committee be empowered to engage two Visitors at a remuneration of £2 each per week, the engagement of service to date as and from the 1st January, 1913, for one year, renewable from year to year, and further to define the duties of such Visitors, to formulate rules for their regulation and control, and generally to make such regulations as in their opinion may be required from time to time in order to carry on the work of the said Committee.

V.—That the expenses incidental to the work of the Committee (other than the payment of the stipend to the Assistant Visitors) be provided by the United Synagogue.

Mr. WOOLF, in moving the adoption of the foregoing recommendations, emphasised the value of enlisting young men in Jewish social work in the East End. There was no doubt that the Jewish poor had been wrongly handled in the past, and the new scheme would replace the old dole system which often left the people as badly off as before. He read reports from the existing visitors which revealed a vast amount of useful activity. The principal work achieved had been the opening of a new set of classes by the Jewish Religious Education Board, the need of which had been established by the investigations of the Rev. B. N. Michelson, one of the visitors. He prophesied that this scheme would receive further extension as its value was demonstrated.

Mr. W. T. LEVIANSKY, in seconding the motion, paid a tribute to the work of Mr. Woolf in organising the new arrangements.

Mr. S. WALLACH expressed the hope that the Committee would wisely use its powers of co-option so that those familiar with East End needs and physchology might find a place on it.

The CHAIRMAN said that Mr. Wallach need be under no misapprehension on that point, and various schools of thought would be represented on the Committee. This scheme was an indication of the untruth of the statement frequently made that the United Synagogue was run on merely commercial lines. This suggestion had already been disposed of by the existence of the Jewish Institute and their work on behalf of discharged prisoners, but this was another illustration of the fact that they were very desirous of doing what they could to help the Jewish poor. Such a system of visitation as that proposed could not fail to have an influence adverse to those anti-Jewish and hostile influences, those conversionist agencies, which had been troubling many of them who had been thinking about this question for so long. He thought they ought to be gratified that their friend, Mr. Lucas, would take over the Chairmanship of the new committee and that associated with him would be the son and nephew of Mr. Woolf. He thought they ought to be grateful to these young men for thus carrying on the traditions of their families. This scheme was another proof of the generosity and kindness of Mr. Leopold de Rothschild. (Cheers.)

The recommendations were unanimously adopted.

Miscellaneous.

Mr. Selim Samuel was elected a representative of the United Synagogue on the Jewish Board of Guardians, in the place of the late Mr. J. Samuel.

Graduated scales of salaries were adopted in the case of the officials of several synagogues.

The Council approved of agreements relating to the tenancy of premises adjacent to the New West End Synagogue, and the building of a wall on the Great St. Helen's site. An estimate for road making work at the East Ham Cemetery was approved.

The Council approved of the Rev. N. Peckar retaining the post of teacher of music and Chazanuth at Jews' College for a further period of one year.

The biennial elections were fixed for Sunday, May 18th.

The Council approved of revised burial arrangements with the Southend Congregation.

SHOMERIM AND NON-JEWISH CATERING.

The Ecclesiastical Authorities'. Notice.

TO THE EDITOR.—From Mr. D. PHILLIPS, 9, Mornington Road, Bow, E.

SIR,—May I be allowed to protest in the way the notice of the Ecclesiastica Authorities, with reference to Kashrus at hotels and restaurants, was worded and as it appeared in your issue of the 10th inst., for it is likely to mislead the Jewish public. I have no wish to enter a dissertation on the ירה דעה with the Ecclesiastical Authorities, but they are surely cognisant of בשר שנתעלם מן העין and בשר וחלב. Again, even should the hotel people utilise separate utensils for Jewish use, they must be prohibited from use by Jews, as they are in possession of Gentile people when not used for Jewish functions. How is it possible for a Shomer to see that the above precept as it applies to say, meat, milk, etc. is observed, for him to watch to see that the same is carried out according to ritual rites? Moreover, how about the preparation of the necessary food by Gentile chefs for Jewish consumption? Is this, I ask, allowable?

If Jewish people wish for functions at these hotels let them see them carried out according to ritual. Surely the Ecclesiastical Authorities must be well aware how strong the line of demarcation is between what is *kosher* and *trifa*. Let them, therefore, please see that sacred matters of ritual are not trifled with. I can assure the Authorities that ten Shomerim could not do the needful at some of these Gentile functions I have in mind. Do not, then, let a policy of "That 'l do" spoil our proud reputation. If these hotel functions cannot conform to Jewish precept then do not allow this to be glossed over by the farcical presence of any Shomerim just to satisfy the scruples of some.

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ENGLISH TEACHING IN EASTERN SCHOOLS.

DISTRESS IN THE WAR AREA—A RELIEF COMMISSION.

A meeting of the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association was held on Sunday, at the Great Western Hotel. There were present:—

Mr. CLAUDE G. MONTEFIORE, President, in the Chair, the Haham, Miss Nettie Adler, L.C.C., Sir Philip Magnus, M.P., Sir Matthew Nathan, G.C.M.G., the Rev. Dr. J. Strauss (President of the Bradford Branch), Messrs. F. S. Franklin, H. S. Q. Henriques, Coleman P. Hyman, Maurice Jacobs, B. Kisch, H. M. Kisch, C.S.I. (President of the Bristol Branch), Harry R. Lewis, H. G. Lousada, Lionel Lowy, Oswald J. Simon, Selim Solomon, Meyer A. Spielmann, and A. E. Sydney.

The Hon. Officers and Committees were re-elected.

Distress in the Near East.

The PRESIDENT made a confidential communication concerning the steps taken to protect Jewish interests in view of pending territorial changes in the Near East. He reported that pathetic accounts of the distress prevailing among the Jewish communities of the war area were continually being received, and the need of funds was very urgent. In order to investigate matters and superintend the distribution of the funds collected, Mr. Elkan N. Adler and Dr. Paul Nathan had proceeded to the parts affected.

Russian Passports.

Dr. STRAUSS urged that the Conjoint Committee should take action on the Russian passports question, and agitate on the lines adopted by the American Jews.

The PRESIDENT stated that a meeting of the Committee would be held in the course of a few days, further to deal with the matter.

The Forthcoming Dinner.

The PRESIDENT reported that the dinner in aid of the funds of the Association, at which Sir Edward Stern had consented to preside, would be held on Tuesday, May 6th.

Report of the Executive Committee.

The SECRETARY read the report of the Executive Committee of which the following is an abstract:—

SCHOOLS:—The Bassorah School applies for the grant of £30. The application is accompanied by a letter from Mr. Malcolm, the English teacher, who emphasises the importance of the language as a subject of instruction and the need of devoting more time to it. The Executive Committee recommend the grant.—The Bombay School reports that the school passed three students in the Second Grade Drawing Examination out of four sent up, that in the First Grade Drawing Examination seven passed out of thirteen, and in the Vernacular 4th Standard Examination seventeen were successful out of eighteen as against ten out of twenty-four last year. The Committee applies for £100 for the first half of 1913, and for payment of bill of costs rendered by the Solicitor to the Government of Bombay in connection with the securing of a building grant and the transference of the premises to the Government. The Executive Committee recommend the amounts solicited.—The Executive Committee also recommend the annual grant of £10 to the Talmud Torah School at Canea (Crete). There are 33 pupils, all poor, and inclusive of the grant there is a deficit of 500 francs.—The Executive Committee recommend a vote of £588 to the Evelina School for the first quarter of 1913.—The Board of Deputies, as administering the Morocco Relief Fund, applies for £21 5s., being the quota due from this association towards the salary of the late Headmaster until his resignation. The Executive Committee recommend that this sum be voted.—Mrs. Corcos, Headmistress of the Association's Girls' School at Mogador, has called attention to the fact that owing to the appreciation of the local currency, she has incurred a heavy loss on the amount sent her last year by the Council. The Executive Committee has computed that this loss amounts to £57 10s.; they accordingly recommend that this sum be voted as a special grant.—The Tantah (Egypt) School applies for the grant of £60, which is allocated towards the salary of the English Master. The Headmaster reports that some of the pupils have very successfully passed examinations in medicine and science, and that several old pupils are employed in banks and counting houses. There are 208 pupils (112 paying and 96 free) and there is a deficit of 1,141 francs. The Executive Committee recommend the grant.

Miss ADLER drew attention to the application from the Bassorah school and asked whether it would not be possible to increase the grant to this school in view of the fact that it lay within a British sphere of influence, and that the English language was of great commercial importance in the surrounding district. She suggested that grants might be reduced in the case of schools where English teaching was not of such paramount importance.

The PRESIDENT said that Sir Matthew Nathan had spoken to him on the same subject, and he promised that the whole of the Association's grants should be reconsidered and revised in the near future. It was possible that private contributions might be made towards the English teaching at the Bassorah school.

The Council made the following grants as recommended by the Executive Committee: Bassorah school, £30; Bombay school (six months), £100; Canea Talmud Torah, £10; Evelina de Rothschild school, Jerusalem (three months), £588; Mogador (*Alliance*) school, £21 5s.; Tantah school, £60; £57 10s. was voted to the Association's school in Mogador to cover the loss due to an appreciation in the local currency.

BRIXTON SYNAGOGUE.

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DINNER IN AID OF BUILDING FUND.

A special general meeting, at which Mr. S. Valentine presided, was held on Sunday for the purpose of considering means for raising the balance still required to carry out the building scheme. The congregation's interest in the matter was sufficiently proved by the fact that some forty members were present.

It was decided that the theatrical function previously agreed upon be allowed to stand over, and that a dinner, at which Sir Harry S. Samuel, M.P. has consented to preside, should be given about the middle of March.

A message of congratulation on the celebration of his silver wedding was conveyed to Mr. Leonard B. Franklin, to whose interest and labours the success already attained by the building scheme is largely due.

HAMMERSMITH AND WEST KENSINGTON LADIES' GUILD.—The annual ball held recently at the Empress Rooms, Royal Palace Hotel, was a pronounced success. The guests numbered nearly three hundred. The Committee, with their President, Mrs. L. A. Solomon, as well as Mrs. Beirnstein, Mrs. G. Prince, and Mrs. S. Rosenbaum, all co-operated heartily to give their guests an enjoyable evening. At the supper, Mr. L. A. Solomon proposed the loyal toast. He heartily commended the members of the Guild for their charitable work during the year, in the course of which they had distributed over 300 garments. They were glad to welcome new members or visitors at their workroom in the Hammersmith Town Hall every Tuesday afternoon from 3 till 5. Lady Rothschild and Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild are patronesses. The Revs. S. Lipson and G. Prince are co-workers.

WESTMINSTER JEWS' FREE SCHOOL GIRLS' SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB.—A theatrical performance was given by members of the Club last Sunday, at the West Central Lads' Club, Fitzroy Square. When the curtain rose, the stage was filled with children dressed as fairies, the queen being represented by L. Stabinsky. They effectively sang a song with chorus "Butterfly Fairies" and afterwards performed a version of "Cinderella" which would have done credit to far older artists. The pantomine was followed by a Dutch dance, and a fairy play from Andersen, "Snowdrop." The whole entertainment was highly creditable to the children who taught themselves and even made the necessary costumes. The audience, which consisted principally of the parents of the children, was much gratified at the afternoon's entertainment.

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MINISTERS AS MARRIAGE BROKERS.

TO THE EDITOR.—From the Rev. HERBERT J. SANDHEIM, "Mizpah," Carlton Terrace, Swansea.

SIR,—The eight Jewish Ministers who, bent on improving the matrimonial prospects of certain virtuous young ladies, have, in concentrating their attentions upon your correspondent "Anti-Cant," wasted their efforts and some postage on one unappreciative gentleman. That is no reason at all why they should allow themselves to be discouraged, even if the style in which their communications were couched did not accord with the literary tastes of that gentleman.

I am not one of the eight; but as one who was formerly the recipient of a number of letters of a similar nature, of varying literary charm, and as one who did most gratefully pay a commission to a "Shadchan" brother of the cloth, I would crave the hospitality of your columns in order to reply to the strictures of "Anti-Cant" upon that "section of the Jewish clergy who carry on business as matrimonial agents."

"Anti-Cant" does not like to see the "high office" of a Jewish Minister used in this direction. The Jewish Minister is very rarely indeed spoken of, or treated as, possessing a high office, except for the purposes of criticism. He is not often allowed to feel that his office is a high one, and he would hardly ever be given to know that it is, were it not that the term offers a passable excuse to all who wish to complain. The Minister, when opportunity is afforded him for matchmaking, is not only not undermining his influence for good, but is, in fact, establishing thereby an influence beneficial to his congregation in a real and most practical way.

I say advisedly, "when opportunity is afforded," for it is one of the greatest perplexities of a Jewish Minister in a provincial town that the bringing together of suitable partners is hedged around with so many difficulties.

"Anti-Cant," were he to realise the conditions of provincial life, would no doubt be the first to ask the "community to cry shame" because the Ministers did not take sufficient advantage of their "high office" by trying to the utmost of their power to cope with what is truly a crying evil.

An appreciable proportion of the intermarriages which take place in the provinces and especially in the rural districts—I come across a painfully large number in the rural districts in South Wales—are due to the fact that in small places the young people are not brought into touch with one another.

I myself know—and my experience is not an isolated one—plenty of crusty bachelors doomed to a life of sterility and unblissfulness because they were unable to find the right partners. There are by no means a few old maids, not so of their own choice, who would have made most excellent and happy wives, had a kind fate introduced to them suitable opportunity for marriage, and if it be argued that the bachelors should have been mated to the old maids, I would point to the passage in Bereshith Rabba, section 17, paragraph 7, which tells of the matron who complained to Rabbi Jose ben Halafta that she was brought up together with her mother's brother and was intended for his wife, but that as they were so long used to each other, the young man lost his affection for her and married some other woman less beautiful.

Let me assure "Anti-Cant" that it is precisely owing to the fact that a "considerable [if it is a considerable] section of the Jewish clergy carry on business as matrimonial agents" that there are not more intermarriages or more unmated bachelors and old maids.

Jewish ideals place a very high value on marriage. It is a supremely important religious duty from the Jewish point of view, and one who assists in facilitating the entry of others into the state of matrimony is undeniably performing a creditable מצוה, helping God in mating בת פלוני לפלוני.

The acceptance, when forthcoming, of a money consideration for the performance of such a מצוה does not detract from the merit. A Mohel receives payment for the religious duty he performs. A Shochet is paid for a religious duty what many congregations are not ashamed to call a salary. A dealer makes a profit from the supply of טלתים, לולבים, תפלין, מזוזות, and other articles, the use of all of which constitute religious duties. A teacher is supposed to be able to make a living out of his stipend for the carrying out of a religious duty. The income of a Minister which is not very conclusive evidence that he occupies a "high position" is, nevertheless, derived from attention to a whole cycle of religious duties.

To take the other side of the question. A bridegroom may pay for the opportunity of performing the מצוה of marriage incumbent upon every Jew, and a father may pay for the privilege of a suitable match for his daughter in accordance with our religious customs, just as a member of a congregation is prepared to pay for the privilege of a "Mizrach-seat" in synagogue, or the Haftorah on some special occasion.

The Shadchan in these days of widely scattered and unassociated small communities, places Jewish society under a solid obligation, and his efforts, be he Minister or not, entitle him to encouragement, and not contempt.

The name "Anti-Cant" is a somewhat responsible title to adopt, but if "Anti-Cant" be true to his name, let him rather advocate an extension and organisation on sound principles of the Shadchan system as a beneficent and sacred institution.

Books and Bookmen.

BOOKS REVIEWED.

SOME HEBREW FICTION.

For several years no important novels have been written by Hebrew writers. Modern Hebrew prose consists chiefly of short stories. This phenomenon may indicate a lack of constructive power on the part of the Hebrew novelist. But if we take into consideration the fact that all national literature reflects the conditions of life of the people and its mental movements, we must see that it is hardly possible for modern Hebrew literature to produce a lengthy novel. A people which is always moving and wandering, which is condemned to restlessness and which has no restful *milieu* cannot inspire a poet to great epic visions. Rest and possibility of contemplation have always been the elementary conditions of great epic productions. The modern Hebrew novelist sees only individuals, restless souls, flying and fugitive figures and shadows, he misses the strong social basis of these single individuals and is therefore compelled to concentrate himself on the individual. That is, I believe, the true reason why modern Hebrew prose consists chiefly of short stories. But in that domain Hebrew literature is stronger than any other. We admire Maupassant's short stories, but they are of minor value in comparison with the Hebrew effort in like direction. For the latter are not mere interesting tales: they are studies of psychology trying to discover the emotions and motives of man's soul. The Hebrew short story is either a tragedy—as only the deep tragic consciousness of a Russian Jew can depict—or a tragi-comedy because it surpasses the limit of tragedy. "Sholem Aleichem," who has been so often compared with "Mark Twain," is no less tragic than is the gloomy Berditschewsky. We laugh at his heroes only because they are such *Schlemiels*, and because of the untoward accidents that they seem to meet rather than that meet them. *Les extrêmes se touchent.* That is the truth about Sholem Alechem's heroes. The tragedy in them is so overwhelming that it becomes comedy. Israel Zangwill has many times shown us how often tragedy and comedy are nearly allied, and there is no better analogy to "Sholem Aleichem's" heroes than those drawn by Israel Zangwill in the "King of the Schnorrers." "Menachem Mendel, the Dreamer," [*] is a typical "Luftmensch." He goes from Kasrielewky to Odessa, starts all kind of business and hopes soon to become a rich man. But instead of becoming a millionaire he loses his last *Kopek* and becomes in turn a tradesman, a Shadchan, a lottery collector, and an undertaker. He writes the most hopeful letters to his "faithful clever" wife Shene Shendel. But Shene knows her *Schlemiel* well, and does not believe much in his business undertakings. She urges him to return home and to be her faithful husband. After all his efforts and pains he remains only Menachem Mendel the Dreamer, the "Luftmensch." He is *naïve* and therefore funny, but he is after all a tragic figure, typical of a whole species of Russian Jews who live not in the real world but in an unreal one of their own imagination. The humour of Menachem as a creation may also arise from the fact that true Schlemiel that he is he never realises his endless misfortunes. If he once had a glimmering notion that he was himself accountable for his mishaps, he would necessarily to that extent cease being a *Schlemiel.* Sholem Aleichem represents his hero not through his feelings and thoughts but through his actions, by his manner of speech, and by his external movements. Needless to say, the folklorist element is widely used by the author. Menachem Mendel as well as his faithful Shene have many clever proverbs at hand and quote many clever sayings, which often sound very droll. Thus the comical part, though largely formal, is comical all the same. Menachem Mendel is a perfect pen-portrait of the Jewish "Luftmensch" with his invincible optimism, his naivity and his boundless capacity for falling into misfortune.

A novelist of quite another calibre is Mischa Joseph Berditschewsky. His heroes are not typical but exceptions. They act less and they meditate more.

If Sholem Aleichem has been called a popular novelist, his gloomy colleague, Berditschewsky,[†] may be called an academic one. He pictures human beings, but he studies their souls and penetrates into the deepest and least visible corners of man's mind and soul. Another remarkable feature of his production is his *Heimatkunst.* Born and educated in a small townlet of the dark Russian Ghetto, he retains the impressions of his childhood. He has carried with him from time to time the queer and mysterious men whom he knew in life with remarkable habits of their own, and with special conceptions of life, which no Western can easily understand. Poverty, misfortune, and oppression made these people mystics. They are dreamers, too, but not like the dreamers drawn by Sholem Aleichem. For their dreams have no relationship to this world. Berditschewsky's types are not like Sholem Aleichem's, typical of thousands. Each of them forms a cosmos of his own, without analogy, without comparison. They are gloomy, dark mysterious shadows without human passions and with an existence, which, though we know them to exist, shows them to us mere creatures of imagination. The style of Berditschewsky is like his characters, mysterious, somewhat kabbalistic, yet at the same time lyrical and expressive. The difference in the past of the two novelists has largely influenced their respective style and art. "Sholem Aleichem," erstwhile merchant of the city of Kiew, is a man of life and action. He knows the world through life, and not through books. Therefore, his characters act like men, albeit, of course, in their own special way. Berditschewsky, on the other hand, the Talmud student, and later the student of philosophy, is a bookman, perhaps, in fact, a book-worm. His types meditate and argue and philosophise like their author. The poor Jew of the large Ghetto is a "Luftmensch," but his brother of the small townlet, who has no idea of life, is a mystic, and his dreams do not refer to this world, but to the other. "Sholem Aleichem" is understood by the masses. Berditschewsky is distinctly *caviar* to the general. Bearing no comparison to either of these is Reuben Fahn,[‡] a young Galician novelist, who has but recently made his *entrée* into the realms of Hebrew literature with a little volume of short stories. The seven short tales of the present volume, although not badly written, do not bear the stamp of a great creative talent. The young author remains too much on the surface of life. He is satisfied with copying the ugly reality of local life without adding anything original. The language is too simple and is without any personal note. All vulgarities of the daily life of Galician Jews are copied mechanically. This is not art. But we have to take into consideration that Reuben Fahn is a beginner. He may still develop. As our literature is not rich even in good mediocrities we are not justified in discouraging any who essay to enter its arena.

The Meturgomon Translator Publishing Company of Odessa, which is carried on by M. Bialik, has begun publishing a number of good translations of juvenile literature from various languages. Bialik himself has translated Cervantes' "Don Quixote," and the famous Jerusalem Hebraist and pedagogist, David Yellin, has translated for the Meturgomon Company the Arabic "Thousand and One Nights."[§] The translation, although it cannot be compared with that of Bialik, is nevertheless an excellent one, the language being chiefly Biblical in style. Another feature of the Hebrew edition of the Arabic tales is to be found in the lovely illustrations which are added to the booklet. A second part by the same translator is announced to appear shortly. The Meturgomon editions may be regarded as an enrichment to our national literature, which is rather poor in good books for the young ones. On the other hand, the translation of Tolstoi's "Satan" by S. Wirt is neither needed nor good. The works of the Christian anarchist are not a good element of culture for the Hebrew youth since the effect of Tolstoi's books on undeveloped minds has always been a most disastrous one. The young reader gets intoxicated with ideas which make him an enemy of all national and Jewish religious aspirations. Young Jews and Jewesses by the thousand have been influenced for the bad by the books of Tolstoi. His writings have led them to become enemies of their own people and the religion to which they owed allegiance. It is, therefore, from a Hebrew point of view the greatest mistake to spread the writings of Tolstoi among our Hebrew children. S. M. M.

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[*] *Menachem Mendel the Dreamer,* by Sholem Aleichem. (Edition Hashachar Warsaw, 1912.)

[†] *From the Depth of Life,* a Collection of Short Stories, by Michael Joseph Berditschewsky. (Tushiah, Warsaw, 1912.)

[‡] *In the Storm of Life,* a Collection of Short Stories, by Reuben Fahn. (Halittch, Galicia, 1912.)

[§] *Thousand and One Nights,* translated into Hebrew by David Yellin. (Edition Meturgomon, Odessa, 1912.)

BOOK NEWS.

The *Christian Science Monitor*, of Boston, recently printed an editorial article on "The Jew as an Idealist." Reference is made to Mary Antin's book, "The Promised Land," and to David Lubin's successful efforts for the establishment of an International Agricultural Institute.

Mr. Heinemann will publish next Thursday "The Positive Evolution of Religion," by Frederic Harrison. This may be regarded as the summing-up of all Mr. Harrison's writings on this subject. "The Frontiers of the Heart," a translation of "Les Frontiers du Coeur," by Victor Margueritte, will be published by Mr. Heinemann on the same day. This is a novel which has met with considerable success in France. It is the story of a marriage in a French and German family at the time of the war of 1870.

The *English Review*, the January number of which contained a remarkable article by Mr. Frederick Harrison on "The International Prospects Opening up with 1913," announces that next month's issue will contain a narrative poem from the pen of Mr. John Masefield, entitled "The Daffodil Fields." The *English Review*, one of the oldest of its class, is fully maintaining the high reputation which it has gained.

"An English Grammar for Yiddish students, Part I," by Mr. Philip Blackman, F.C.S. (Berlin), of the Deal Street L.C.C. School, is being published by Messrs. R. Mazin and Co., Ltd., 141, Whitechapel Road. Part II. is in preparation.

The last issue of the *Occasional Papers* published in connection with St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, contains an interesting photo and description of a 17th century "Kethubah." The document was found in the College Library some months ago, and has now been translated by the Rev. G. H. Box, M.A., lecturer in Rabbinical Hebrew at King's College, London. It is written in Aramaic, and was executed at Rome in 1665.

Hasatan, by Tolstoi. Translated into Hebrew by S. Wirt. (Edition Achim, Wilna, 1912.)

"MODERN JUDAISM AND THE MESSIANIC HOPE."

TO THE EDITOR.—From the Rev. GEORGE H. BOX, King's College, London.

SIR,—In your issue of January 3rd your contributor "E. D." gives an account of Mr. Claude G. Montefiore's article, which appeared in the January number of *The Hibbert*, entitled "Modern Judaism and the Messianic Hope," and in which Mr. Montefiore criticises certain statements of mine in my McBride sermon. I hope to have an opportunity of replying to Mr. Montefiore's strictures later. Meanwhile, I should like to point out that your contributor (no doubt unintentionally) misrepresents me on one rather important matter. He says: "The Hibbert reviewer gives Mr. Box little encouragement in his belief that Christian missionaries have to-day much real chance, or much lasting chance, in converting Jews." I should like to ask where, in my sermon, I have expressed any such opinion? What I said was that "the need for reconstruction of the Christian apologetic in the face of Judaism asserts itself inevitably from age to age. What is needed to-day, for orthodox Jews, is a demonstration on a large scale of the truth of the New Testament claims to be the true and legitimate development of the religion of the Old Testament."

In other words, I claim that orthodox Christianity is bound to make its position clear to Jews, *i.e.*, in such a way as to be intelligible to them. Judaism is equally entitled—and, I should think, bound—to make its position clear to the Christian world. There I should desire to leave the matter. I have too much respect both for Judaism and Christianity to feel any sort of sympathy with the employment of unworthy means for influencing any section of Jews to abandon their ancestral faith and profess the Christian religion. The religion of Christ has no need or room for any save genuine adherents.

If in the future any considerable section of the great Jewish people should come to recognise and accept the Christian revelation and claims which are set forth in those essentially Jewish writings which make up the New Testament and give to these a distinctively Jewish interpretation and expression, I believe that the whole world would be the gainer. But I am bound to say that such a result is, in my opinion, never likely to be the outcome of direct propagandist efforts. Meanwhile, orthodox Christianity and Judaism make fundamentally incompatible claims. The only course to be pursued under these circumstances is, without disloyalty to cherished convictions on either side, to explain and make intelligible our positions to each other, and then if we must—continue to agree to differ.

EDUCATIONAL SUCCESSES.

BEATRICE APPELBOOM (14 years of age) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Appelboom, of 72, Lofting Road, Barnsbury, gained a diploma of associateship in theory, harmony, and pianoforte playing, at the recent examination London College of Music This entitles her to wear the cap and gown of the college and append the letters A.L.C.M. after her name.

AT the recent examinations for the Diploma of the Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music, Miss Edie Marr (pupil of Mr. Tobias Matthay) was successful in obtaining that degree.

AT the recent pianoforte examination of the Associated Board at the R. A. M. and R. C. M. the following pupils of Miss M. Nathan, 38, Cephas Street, Mile End, passed successfully in the elementary division: Annie Taylor (with distinction) and Abraham Yarshofsky.

AT the recent local centre examination of the London Trinity College of Music, Dora Langer, aged nine, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Langer, of Portsmouth, passed the preparatory division in theory.

BRISTOL.—At the recent examination of the College of Preceptors, Israel Jacobs, third son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Jacobs, Cheltenham Road, passed first class in Algebra, Geometry, Arithmetic, English and French.

MANCHESTER.—The following pupils have passed in pianoforte-playing at the Victoria College of Music examination held in Manchester: Mr. George Jackson, A.V.C.M. (cap and gown); Mr. Charles Lee, A.V.C.M. (cap and gown); Miss Hannah Smith, A.V.C M. (cap and gown); Miss Blanche Dean, A.V.C.M. (cap and gown); Miss Rebecca Gouldman, Intermediate Grade with Honours; Miss Sadie Applebaum, Junior Grade with Honours; Miss Florence Porter, Junior Grade Pass; Miss Ettie Rosenberg, Elementary Pass; Master Reuben Smith in Violin-playing, Advanced Senior Grade with Honours. All are pupils of Mr. A. L. Copeland, F.N.C.M., A.Mus., M.I.C., of 270, Bury New Road, Manchester, who has the record of having more than seven hundred pupils passing various musical examinations, without a failure.

JEWISH VOLUNTARY RED CROSS AID DETACHMENTS.

TO THE EDITOR.—From Mr. FREDERICK N. DAVIDSON, Quartermaster, London 10 V.A.D (First Jewish Women's Voluntary Aid Detachment), "Marbrukis," 3, Exeter Road, Brondesbury.

SIR,—I hope you will permit me to explain some matters in connection with the Jewish Red Cross Voluntary Aid Detachments. Voluntary Aid Detachments have been formed by the British Red Cross Society under the direction of the War Office, and the idea of forming detachments entirely of Jews and Jewesses arose simply for purposes of classification. In the event of mobilisation of the Home Army, the members of the Jewish detachments could be specially useful to their coreligionists, as they would understand the dietary laws and be able to offer up the Hebrew prayers in case of need. They would freely give their services to all, regardless of creed, and the question of religion would only be remembered when their coreligonists came under their care.

With regard to Jews and Jewesses serving under the Red Cross, this symbol has no religious significance at all; it is absolutely unsectarian and international, and is recognised throughout the whole of the civilised world as the emblem of the sick and suffering, by which they may claim as a right, even from their enemies, the most tender and solicitious care. It is the one and only international flag, and it is respected and honoured by all civilized nations.

The Jew in the British Army and Navy serves under the three crosses of the Union Jack, the principal of which is the cross of St. George, also red on a white ground. No one, I believe, has yet suggested that the *Mogen Dovid* should be substituted for Jews serving under the Union Jack; why then should there be objection to the reversed colours of the Swiss flag? The Swiss Jew salutes his flag, a white cross on a red ground; and the Greek Jew salutes the blue cross on a white ground.

The wearing of uniform by members of Voluntary Aid Detachments is quite optional, but I do not think that anyone has abstained from joining in this useful and patriotic work on account of the uniform, of which we are all very proud. Our numbers have increased to such an extent, that it has been necessary to divide the First Jewish Women's Detachment into two, both of which are registered at the War Office.

There are also many Jews and Jewesses doing splendid ambulance work in the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which has a white Maltese Cross for its insignia. The members of this organisation would also wear the Geneva Convention Brassard in time of war, but this, I hope and believe, would not prevent either Jews or Jewesses trained in ambulance work from continuing their humane duties.

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JEWISH BOARD OF GUARDIANS: From Violette Citroen, in memoriam, 21/-.
SOUP KITCHEN: S. B. K., in memoriam, 1/-.

JEWISH LADS' BRIGADE (HACKNEY COMPANY.)—On Saturday evening the N.C.O.'s Union entertained the lads of the Company to a social evening in the classrooms of the South Hackney Synagogue. An enjoyable evening was spent. The boys themselves provided the entertainment, and the Misses M. Heiser, W. Moss and E. Rose also contributed items. The Union supplied refreshments. The function was arranged and managed by Colour-Sergt. M. G. Liverman, Hon. Secretary.

WEST CENTRAL JEWISH MEN'S CLUB.—Last week, Mr. Percy L. Marks, gave an address on "Humour, Jewish and otherwise." Mr. I. Tannenbaum presided. Last Tuesday, Dr. M. A. Dutch delivered a lecture on "Food" in which he showed the immunity from certain diseases that could be enjoyed by following the Jewish dietary laws. Mr. J. M. Ansell presided and proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Dutch.

COMMERCIAL ROAD TALMUD TORAH CLASSES.—The seventh annual treat was given on Sunday, by Mr. and Mrs. J. Levy, of Cannon Street Road, to two hundred and fifty pupils. The arrangements were carried out under the auspices of the Ladies' Society. The children were entertained at a substantial tea, served by the host and hostess. Various Hebrew songs were sung by the pupils' choir. A pupil, Max Karo, proposed, and Mr Kahan seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Levy. Mr. Levy made a collection for the Classes. Mr. H. Solomons, the President, pointed out the importance of entertainments to pupils of religion classes, which kept them away from missionaries' treats. The boys were presented with boxes of chocolates.

LITERARY AND SOCIAL UNION.—Last Saturday evening Mr. A. Fay opened a discussion on "Sex Equality." The Misses S. B. Friedlander, E. Brodetsky, R. Brodetsky and Messrs. N. Lazarus, M. Rudmanski, and Fisher took part in the debate.

OLD BOYS' DEBATING SOCIETY.—A debate on "Woman Suffrage" took place last Monday, Mr. A. Naar opened. The following took part in discussion: Messrs. Dightmaker, Lubel, Renton, Harris, Karotkin, Fisher, and Miss Lazarus.

ON the occasion of the carnival festivities on the Riviera, the Paris Lyons and Mediterranean Railway have organised a special 2nd and 3rd class popular excursion, leaving Paris on January 29th, and the English Companies are issuing in connection with it, 1st and 2nd class tickets at very low fares. The return fare from London to Nice (2nd class to Paris and 3rd class beyond), is £4 0s. 1d *via* Dieppe, and the highest fare is £6 12s. (1st class to Paris and 2nd class beyond), *via* Calais or Boulogne. A special handbill giving the conditions of these tickets and trains available on the return journey is obtainable from the Tourist agencies and the P. L. M. offices, 179 and 180, Piccadilly.

THE annual stocktaking sale will open on Friday next (the 24th), at Messrs. Dawson Bros., City Road Stores, and continue for the following ten days. This year's sale presents more than an ordinary opportunity to those desirous of effecting a great saving upon their purchases. In preparation for important alterations to the premises, about to be undertaken, the goods in the drapery, millinery, and furnishing departments have been so drastically marked down that a speedy clearance should be assured. The surplus goods will be sold at prices regardless of original cost, and in order that this event may have added attractions, several large consignments of manufacturers' stocks of new and serviceable goods will also be included at record bargain prices.

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FEDERATION OF SYNAGOGUES.

SEMI-JUBILEE.

FORTHCOMING PRESENTATION TO MR. J. E. BLANK.

A meeting of the Board of the Federation of Synagogues was held on Wednesday, at the Girls' Club Rooms, Leman Street.

Lord **SWAYTHLING**, President, who was in the Chair, made a statement in regard to the Rabbinate, which is reported in full in another column.

The **PRESIDENT** said that the Federation was about to celebrate its semi-jubilee, and in honour of the event the Secretary had issued a little volume containing extracts from the minutes since the foundation of the Institution. The Executive Committee, recognising the eminent services which Mr. Blank had rendered to the Federation, recommended the Board to pass a vote of appreciation to be engrossed and presented to Mr. Blank, and also that he be granted one year's salary.

The recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. **MARK MOSES**, Treasurer, submitted the accounts of the Burial Society, which he reported as being in a satisfactory condition.

Mr. S. **FROST** contended that the Society should devote one-tenth of its profits to such work as the Talmud Torah Trust.

The **PRESIDENT** pointed out that the Society had to build up a reserve and it would be actuarially unwise of it to dispose of its resources in the manner suggested.

The Hon. Architect's report on several new synagogues that applied for admission was read, but the report in only one case was satisfactory.

The **PRESIDENT** pointed out that the Federation was doing a public service in drawing attention to the unsuitable character of many of the premises selected as Jewish places of worship in the East End.

JEWISH SHOPKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

AGITATION FOR ALTERATION IN CLOSING-DAY.

A well-attended meeting of the members of the Jewish Shopkeepers' Association was held on Wednesday evening at the premises of Messrs. Monnickendam in Middlesex Street. Mr. **HARRY BARNETT**, the President, occupied the chair.

Mr. **BARNETT**, at the outset, offered a few remarks explaining the meeting that evening. Doubtless by this time, he said, those present were aware that the L.C.C. had decided to give practical effect to the administration of the Shops Act, and that authority had written to the Association that they proposed to divide London into three parts: one large area North of London, one large area South, and, he believed, a Central area, comprising the Strand and Regent Street, as a third, the last having special treatment, owing to its exceptional shopping position. The days selected by the L.C.C. were Thursday or the alternative Saturday, as far as the members of the Association were concerned. For about eight months in the year Thursday was the big market day, and the majority of East End shopkeepers would be hard hit if that day was adopted as a closing day. Members of the L.C.C. with whom he had discussed the matter, asked why not close on Saturday? That, he thought, would be very unfair to the shop assistants, for the reason that Jewish shopkeepers closed on Friday at sunset to Saturday sunset, and the assistants had always been allowed to keep Sabbath. By adopting Saturday they were giving nothing away, and Jews who were asking for toleration had no desire to drive the coach and four through the Shops Bill. The Clause in the Bill providing a holiday for assistants had the entire sympathy of this Association. On behalf of the Association he asked their local representatives, Messrs. Johnson and Gordon, to confer with him that evening with a view of obtaining an alteration in the day of closing to Wednesday. He was grateful for the attendance there of Mr. Charles Emanuel, the Secretary and Solicitor of the Board of Deputies, with whom their desire was to work in unison. The Association had no desire to constitute themselves a Jewish Parliament, or to usurp the functions of the Board of Deputies. They welcomed the help of the Deputies, provided the Association were consulted before they arrived at any decision, or took any action, regarding matters affecting shopkeepers, of whom, after all, the Association were the best able to judge their requirements. He suggested that the Deputies extend their franchise, and admit members of the East End traders to take part in their deliberations, as members, or as a special section, to advise on matters affecting their interests. At present he thought he was right in saying that they were unrepresented. Only last week, they had organised a deputation to the House of Commons, and at the suggestion of Mr. Harry Lawson, the Association were drafting an amendment to the Milk Bill, which affected the small Jewish shopkeepers, and they had already been promised the active support of several Members of Parliament. He complained that the Shechita question was being dealt with by the Board without any member of the meat trade, who probably knew more about it than all the deputies together, being consulted; as were also the Sunday Trading question and other matters with which he would not trouble them. But he sincerely trusted that a better state of things might be looked for in the future. If that happened, the Jewish Shopkeepers' Association might congratulate itself that it had justified its existence.

Several speakers followed, pointing out the hardships that would entail upon large numbers of Jewish shopkeepers in the event of Thursday being finally fixed for closing day. In the winter especially, the hardships would be intensified, for it would mean closing Thursday, early Friday, and all day on Saturday.

The local representatives on the L.C.C., Messrs. Gordon and Johnson, expressed their sympathy with the object of the meeting, and on their recommendation it was finally resolved to organise a deputation in conjunction with the Board of Deputies to wait upon the L.C.C., and to ask for exceptional treatment in the case of the Jewish shopkeepers.

A CONCERT was given on Sunday at the Stamford Hill Social and Literary Society by the Concord Entertainers, under the direction of Mr. Lewisohn.

THE members of the Victorian Entertaining Society gave a successful concert on Saturday to the inmates of the Poplar Workhouse.

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Within the past week, the writer has had two opportunities of observing how our non-Jewish friends are coping with the spread of religious apathy. The first experience was at the Brixton Brotherhood, of which my old friend, the Rev. A. J. Waldron, is the leading spirit. Mr. Waldron frankly recognises that the old methods are useless to-day, and that the stiff formality of religion does not appeal to the twentieth century palate as a rule. The service was held in a vast local picture palace, and judging by the clouds of tobacco smoke that greeted the visitor on entering, it might have been imagined that a picture show was about to begin. Once the service opens, however, pipes are put out, and proceedings commence in earnest. There are tuneful hymns, a cheery address from the Bishop, a recitation set to music, a couple of vocal selections (non-religious) by a member of the choir, and a gripping address by Mr. Waldron himself, an address in which matters spiritual and temporal are so subtly blended as definitely to impress their message upon every mind. Were it not for these Brotherhood meetings, many hundreds of intelligent men and women would be practically lost to their faith, whereas here they are able to obtain spiritual tonic in pleasant doses.

Men like Mr. Waldron are recognising that the Church has to cope with an entirely new state of affairs. And our own clergy may recognise it too; but all in good time. The Pleasant Saturday Afternoons at our boys' clubs are a sign of the times, and if the afternoon addresses to Jewish working men do not appeal to congregations as large and as representative as they might be, our clergy must not despair. The synagogue can be rendered yet more a centre of cheerfulness and brotherhood. But it calls for organisation, and only a man with the true missionary spirit can do for us that which Mr. Waldron has done so successfully for the rank and file of Brixton.

My second venture took me to Poplar, where, before an immense audience, one of Mrs. Percy Dearmer's mystery plays was in progress. Looked at from the point of view of its appeal to Christian religious sentiment, the value of the mystery play is above question. But we cannot help recognising that the methods of the stage are not for us. Nevertheless, as a Jew, I was naturally interested in the manner in which the Jewish characters in the Nazareth scene were represented, but I could not understand why it was that, when chanting the *Hallel*—or what purported to be the *Hallel*—the pilgrims on their way to the Temple with the first ripe fruits should, whilst singing, be swaying their arms gently aloft, just as one observes a swimmer placing his hands in juxtaposition before essaying a dive. I do not doubt Mrs. Dearmer's desire for accuracy, but this action seemed so utterly un-Jewish, so reminiscent of the mannerisms of a certain classical dancer, as to render this element in the mystery play grotesque and unconvincing.

The annual report of the Toynbee Hall, the twenty-eighth of the series, is, as usual, an interesting document. The men's evening classes, with their record of manifold activity, had a total roll of 280, some twenty less than the previous year. Of this number, 75 students were Jews. Of the 386 in the German class, 72 were Jewish students, the larger percentage being recruited from those in commercial occupations. Considerable space is devoted to the work of old scholars' clubs, and one notices many useful hints that might with advantage be assimilated by managers of our boys' clubs who appreciate new ideas.

Jewish tailors and tailoresses throughout the Metropolis have learned with regret of the death of Mr. J. Blythe, Secretary of the London Society of Tailors, and the leading spirit of the recent agitation. Mr. Blythe, who was exceedingly courteous and gentlemanly in his bearing, had the interests of journeyman tailors very much at heart. There was less of the paid official about him than the true guide and friend, and I know there are many hundreds of Jewish workers in the industry who have lost in him a stalwart champion, and a man to whom differences of race and religion were of no account where the livelihood of an individual was concerned. The writer was brought much into contact with Mr. Blythe during the strike of last spring, and had a unique opportunity of observing the implicit faith and confidence reposed in him by every member of his organisation. It will be exceedingly difficult to replace so able and conscientious a worker in the cause of labour.

The story of the rise of the Ibrith b'Ibrith Classes, referred to briefly in this column last week, is quite romantic in its way, and from an interesting pamphlet which Mr. Goldbloom sends me, it would seem that nothing less than tremendous energy, inspired by the highest ideals, has enabled the institution to emerge from obscurity. Ten years ago this Redman's Road Talmud Torah commenced its career in a couple of back rooms situated above a public house in Hayfield Passage. The maintaining of a cherished ideal in such an atmosphere is the most wonderful thing of all. Nor is it less worthy of record that the lads are taught to practise what they learn. Boys about to become *Barmitzvah* attend every morning to lay their *tephillin*, and there is a special class in the fine new premises at Redman's Road where they can be coached in the tenets of their faith. The real pity is that the walls of the Talmud Torah are not elastic, and that the funds do not permit of much-needed additions to the *personnel* of the institution.

"Will you caution East End parents against the practice of sending their boys and girls to learn shorthand and typing as soon as they leave school? The market is flooded with this class of labour." My informant is Mr. J. Hart, the courteous secretary of the Sabbath Observance Employment Bureau, at 150, Minories. He adds that the increase in this class of applicant is becoming a serious matter. "They seem to consider it *infra dig* to learn a trade, and come up here with their vanity bags and wrist watches, and imagine I am just waiting for them." It is all a great mistake. Mr. Hart tells me some disquieting things of communal indifference to the work of the Bureau, and to Sabbath observance generally, to which I hope to refer at greater length on another occasion. In the meantime, may I remind our moneyed classes that £500 would carry on the splendid work of the Bureau for three whole years?

So our old friend the *Shadchan* is at it again, and has enlisted the letter-post in his heart-uniting service. A correspondent is shocked to discover that certain provincial Ministers—"a considerable section" he thinks—are engaged in the profession of marriage brokers, and he stoutly suggests that it is time for us to cry "Shame" when a Jewish minister uses his office to this end. Let us look at this matter dispassionately. There was a time when our ministers were proud to act as go-betweens in the consummation of happy marriages, and did for the youth of Jewry that which our social organisations now accomplish just as well. The writer holds no brief for the *Shadchan* or for his vocation, but there have been occasions upon which he or she has proved eminently useful.

As to the provincial clergy adopting the profession of marriage-broker as a sort of side-line, one can only say that if these ministers were paid adequately for their spiritual services the circularising of eligible young Israelites would be rendered unnecessary. Besides, it is entering into unfair competition with the recognised *Shadchanim*, and one knows that their task grows more difficult and their efforts less appreciated as the world grows ever older.

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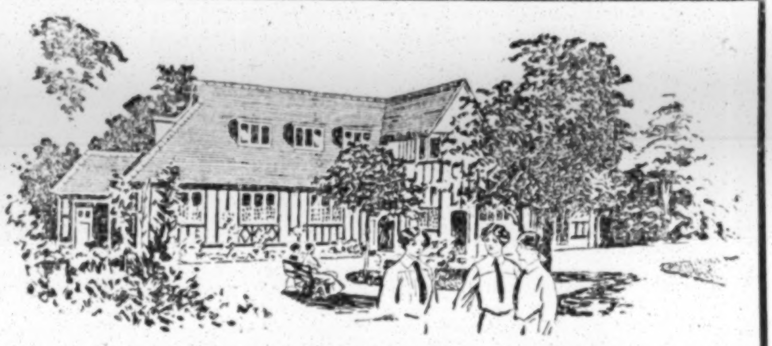

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ZIONISM.

THE POSITION OF THE MOVEMENT.

THE NORTH LONDON ZIONIST SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the North London Zionist Society was held at the Stoke Newington Synagogue Classes last Sunday. Mr. B. GRAD, President, was in the Chair. The formal business of the Society having been conducted, and a tribute paid to Miss Pauline Slowe, the Hon. Secretary, for her indefatigable activity, addresses on the Movement were delivered by Rabbi Dr. Samuel Daiches, the Rev. Harris Cohen, Mr. S. Landman, and the Chairman.

Dr. DAICHES said that when Dr. Herzl some ten years ago observed that if the organisation possessed a certain amount of money, Palestine, or a portion of Palestine, would be theirs, many Jews thought that the leader was then making an exaggerated statement; but the happenings of the present time seemed to demonstrate the fact that Herzl was not altogether mistaken in his conclusions. Present events seemed to show clearly that if the Jews were united in their will, united in their desire to make Palestine their national home once again, that desire would not now be so difficult of attainment. Only a slight consideration of the political events in Europe of the last three months would convince them of the rapid changes that could take place in countries and empires, and who could say that some of these changes would not affect the future of Palestine. Already voices were being heard as to the fate of that country, and it was not insignificant that the voice of the Roman Pope could also be discerned at this period. But it was very saddening and very discouraging to think that the Jewish people showed, at this important juncture,

A SPIRIT OF COLDNESS,

an indifferentism to the Holy Land, which was indeed depressing. The Jews, it would appear, were so detached, where they should be so strongly bound together, that one was almost inclined to despair of their people ever accomplishing any everlasting good. Even the possibility of Salonika becoming a Jewish city (he would not discuss the advisablity or not of the proposition) was first put to the world and propounded by a Christian. All these things showed the psychological condition of the Jews, and he was forced to ask, what would become of them if the present coldness and indifferentism were pursued. Out of a total Jewish population of the world of over twelve millions, the great Zionist movement only claimed something like a mere 100,000 adherents. It was lamentable to think of the meagre support given to a historical movement, which would perhaps be the one thing to rejuvenate their people and the land that was once theirs. They must not forget that Zionism was not merely an "ex-territorial" movement. Zionism must affect the Jews wherever they were, in keeping up their Jewish ideals and keeping alive the Jewish consciousness. He had been invited to speak on the letter that had recently appeared from the pen of Dr. Nordau concerning the Jewish question in the near East. He did not feel confident to say whether the letter was written at the opportune moment. The letter had been signed by Dr. Nordau as President of the tenth Zionist Congress and he did not know whether it had the sanction of the leaders of the Movement (a voice: No, *Die Welt* simply mentions the letter in a small paragraph in its current issue). He felt he was not sufficiently competent to say whether or no the means recently taken to show that the Jews ought to be considered in the negotiations now proceeding among the Balkan Powers were opportune, or whether now was the right moment when something ought to be done in order to show that the Jews meant to exercise their moral rights in Palestine. But of one thing he was certain, and that was that Turkey could have nothing to say against the Jews, and he believed that the Ottomans must have noticed that the Jews as a whole were on their side in their present severe trials. The Turk should now be made to see that the Jews did not mean to conquer Palestine—not because they could not, but because they had no desire to—or to shed blood, but to be allowed to become peaceful citizens and to be allowed to add to the prosperity of the Turkish nation. It was a matter for no little wonder that twelve million

JEWS WENT THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT RAISING A SWORD,

without fighting a battle, without trying to encroach upon other nation's territory. The Jews were living a peaceful life wherever they happened to pitch their tents. And the Jews would not adopt other tactics, so far as the Turkish Empire was concerned. He thought the barriers and restrictions placed on Jews entering Palestine were somewhat exaggerated. He had recently been reading the reports of travellers to the Holy Land, and they seemed to convey totally different impressions, and Dr. Klausner's report in particular of a recent visit to Palestine was extremely enthusiastic concerning the vast progress the Jews had made in the country, and the evidence of the real Jewish atmosphere which could everywhere be discerned. If the latest events did not bring them nearer their ideal, they would only have themselves to blame.

RETURN OF THE CRUSADES.

The Rev. HARRIS COHEN said that now that the map of Europe would of a certainty be recast, it behoved the Jews to throw off their attitude of indifference and to show a united and bold front, and no longer be guilty of the charge of *laisser faire*, hurled at them with no little justification. He had read with great interest the interview that appeared in the latest number of the JEWISH CHRONICLE with that eminent Jewish authority, Nahum Sokolow, who referred to the Jewish position in Russia as being worse than it ever was, and to Zionism, which he thought was never more urgently needed than at this juncture. He for one thought little was being done, and he was afraid that this want of activity, if the present lethargic attitude was allowed to go on uninterrupted, would give them all cause for bitter regret later on. Concerning Dr. Nordau's suggestion for the representation of the Jewish case to the peace envoys, he was doubtful, taking everything into consideration, of any successful results. They must not forget that the war in the Balkans was more or less a religious war, a return, in a mild form of the crusades, and for that reason their appeal at this time would have little chance of success. They could expect little encouragement and little favour from united forces standing primarily for the strengthening of Christianity. But he welcomed Dr. Nordau's statesmanlike letter in that it might have the effect of arousing the Christian conscience and of awakening the dormant Jewish conscience to the needs and the rights of the Jews of the world.

Mr. S. LANDMAN also spoke on the Zionist position and alluded to Dr. Nordau's letter.

The CHAIRMAN thought the present leaders of the Movement were neglecting the masses.

On the motion of Mr. NAT LAZARUS (who agreed with the last speaker) seconded by Mrs. LIEBSTER and supported by Mr. PERCY BAKER, thanks were orded the speakers.

AN APPEAL FOR TREES IN PALESTINE.

The Central Committee of the Jewish National Fund has issued a circular *àpropos* the celebration, in Palestine, next Wednesday (15th Shebat), of the New Year for Trees. The circular states, in part:—

We Jews, too, *michuz laarez*, desire also to celebrate solemnly the 15th Shebat, this venerable anniversary of Jewish custom. We will plant trees in the homeland which shall nourish the future of our race. Palestine urgently needs the planting of olive trees, vines, almonds, eucalyptus and carob bean, and other useful and ornamental trees. We may not limit ourselves any longer to the cultivation of a single kind of tree, but must take into account colonial needs in general. May the annual Feast of the trees be again, as formerly, a festival of all friends of Palestine. May the national feeling Jews of the whole earth remember on the 15th Shebat (23rd January, 1913) the Tree Donations. Let every family give a tree on this day! If our appeal be supported, our work in Palestine will receive a wonderful impulse, and our grandchildren will remember the present generation with gratitude.

JOINT ZIONIST COUNCIL

[COMMUNICATED.]

A meeting of the Joint Zionist Council was held at 4, Fulbourne Street, E., on the 9th inst. There were present:—

Dr. S. A. HIRSCH (in the Chair), Rabbi Dr. S. Daiches, the Rev. J. K. Goldbloom, Messrs. S. B. Rubinstein, B. Grad, E. W. Rabbinowicz, and S. Landman.

It was reported that Herr N. Sokolow was in London and that he was prepared to address a meeting in London.

On the motion of Dr. S. Daiches, seconded by the Rev. J. K. Goldbloom, it was resolved that a mass meeting should be arranged for Herr N. Sokolow, on Sunday, January 19th, at the Shoreditch Town Hall, Old Street.

The Secretary reported that he had invited Dr. C. Weitzman (of Manchester) to speak at Herr Sokolow's meeting, and that he had received a satisfactory reply. It was also arranged that the meeting should commence at 7.30 p.m. precisely, and that Messrs. Herbert Bentwich and Joseph Cowen be invited to speak.

It was further resolved that the Hon. Secretary be entrusted with arranging for meetings for Herr Sokolow to be held in the provinces.

A ZIONIST MEETING ARRESTED.

[From our Correspondent.]

A Zionist gathering was stopped at Irkutsk last week, and all assembled were arrested.

A society has been registered at Warsaw for the purpose of purchasing land in Palestine. Each share amounts to 1,300 roubles. Forty coreligionists have already been enrolled as members.

The Brussels correspondent of the *Odesski Listok* states that at the recent Conference of the Young Turks in the Belgian capital the position of the Jews in Palestine and Salonika was discussed.

The *Kölnische Zeitung* of the 8th inst., printed a short article on the Jews in Palestine. It described the progress of the colonies and the improvements introduced in several districts. The quarter Tel-Aviv and Nachlath Benjamin on the Jaffa-Jerusalem Railway, is styled "splendid." This quarter, and many other new colonising centres, owe their existence to the Jewish National Fund.

ASSOCIATION OF EAST LONDON ZIONISTS.—Last Sunday at Zion Hall, Fulbourne Street, the Rev. J. K. Goldbloom read an article by Dr. Ehrenpreis, which had appeared in *Hashiloach*, entitled: "Zionism during the past fifteen years."

LONDON UNIVERSITY ZIONIST SOCIETY.—Last Sunday at Jews' College, Rabbi H. M. Lazarus, B.A., delivered a lecture on "Early Hebrew Poetry." Rabbi Dr. S. Daiches presided.

OLD BOYS' CLUB.

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"An unqualified success" was the general and spontaneous verdict of guests and members who assembled at the premises of the Old Boys' Club, 241, Mile End Road, on Saturday evening last, on the occasion of the annual supper. Comprising as the Club does, one time members of the constituent Clubs of the Jewish Athletic Association (who were obliged to relinquish their membership on account of consideration of age), it was a happy thought of the promoters to invite to the function those in whose hands lay the management of the institutions from which are recruited the material that go to make the Old Boys' Club what it is. The result was that the gathering was representative to a degree of Jewish Club activity in the metropolis. Owing to his multifarious duties, the Hon Harry Lawson, M.P., the President of the Club, rarely finds an opportunity of paying it a visit, but when that opportunity does arise he never fails to avail himself of it and to put in an apearance, the appreciation of the members being demonstrated in no unmistakable manner on these occasions. It was only to be expected, therefore, that Mr. Lawson's appearance in the "banqueting hall" should have been the signal for loud applause which continued some minutes after he had taken the presidential chair. The members of the Club never fail also to recognise "the workers," and Mr. Denzil Myer, Mr. L. G. Bowman, Mr S. Amstell, Mr. Charles Sebag-Montefiore, Mr. Julian Marks, Mr. Paiba, and Mr. Meir also received their meed of appreciation in the form of loud cheering as they filed to their places.

The order of the toast list was not strictly adhered to, for the last toast, that of the Chairman, was made the first and leading one, Mr. Denzil Myer doing ample justice to it. He referred in graceful terms to the advantages derived by the Club on account of Mr. Lawson's connection with it, and expressed the hope that the Chairman's keen interest in the institution would in no way diminish with the progress of time.

Mr. LAWSON, responding in a humorous speech, expressed the gratitude he felt at the cordial reception he had that evening received. He was delighted to know that the Club could boast undiminished popularity and increasing prosperity. He was convinced of the excellent work carried out not only in those premises, but of the admirable work the Club was doing in influencing for good future generations who would in time qualify for membership of the Club. Recognising the lively interest they evinced in the younger clubs of the Association, he had decided to give a challenge cup for presentation among the junior clubs for any form of athletic prowess the Club might decide upon. He had intended to give the cup for competition among the members of the Club itself, but, after consideration with his colleagues on the management, he had been assured that a cup for the purpose for which it was now offered would be most acceptable. (Hear, hear.) He was only too delighted to help in the good work being done. He was glad to observe that the Jewish youth now more than ever was indulging in the sports and pastimes of the country and had shown a great love for the national games. The Jewish lads, as a result, were now qualifying for the front rank of British citizenship, to the enormous advantage of the Jewish community, as a whole, of this country.

In proposing "The Club," Mr. JULIAN MARKS referred to the good-fellowship that existed among the members, and trusted that one day they would possess premises worthy of the Club.

Mr. HONIGBAUM, one of the hon. secretaries, in responding, made the interesting statement that the Club had started with a membership of less than thirty members, while there were over two hundred names on the books at present, and if the accommodation were greater there would be a larger membership still. The Club had maintained its independence and had been self-supporting. It had received great financial assistance from the President and the other honorary officers, but they had been somewhat unfortunate in their premises, the spending of large sums of money having been necessary from time to time to carry out urgent repairs. In the course of the past year they were again obliged to expend £100 on making good certain defects in the building. He referred to the forthcoming concert which was being arranged on behalf of the building fund, and made an urgent appeal for general support.

In appropriate terms Mr. SIM SAMUELS proposed the "Constituent Clubs," and suitable replies were forthcoming from Mr. S. Amstell (Stepney), Mr. E. J. A. Paiba (Hutchison House), and Mr. Meir (Brady Street.)

Mr. H. S. SCHILDKRAUT, in well chosen words, proposed the toast of "Old Boys across the seas."

Mr. DENZIL MYER mentioned that Old Boys' Clubs were now formed at Montreal, Toronto, New York, Sydney (where Joe Brandon was the prime mover in the establishment of the Club), Buenos Ayres, and Bloemfontein. On behalf of those present he expressed thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Abrahams, who once again had undertaken the catering with so much success, and to the brothers Meerloo, and Messrs. J. Rosalki and Wolfsbergen, who had helped so indefatigably in the arrangements.

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Music and Drama.

CONCERT AND DRAMATIC NOTICES.

Daniel Melsa, the young Russian violinist, of whom so much has been heard, made a most successful début in London on Wednesday afternoon at the Steinway Hall. He created a veritable triumph, and received a most remarkable reception from a crowded gathering. An extended notice together with interesting biographical particulars of our youthful coreligionist will appear in our coming issue.

A successful dramatic entertainment was given at Cripplegate Theatre on Thursday week by the Proteus Dramatic Company, under the direction of Mme. H. E. Warshaw, the plays presented comprising Mr. Haddon Chambers' "Passers-by," and a cleverly-written "Curtain-Raiser" entitled "The Swing of the Pendulum," by Miss Lilian Bamberg, which met with an enthusiastic reception. Some excellent acting was noticeable in "Passers-by" (which was performed for the first time by amateurs), particularly that of Miss Lilian Ramford as Margaret, Miss Golda Luschinski, Miss Cecila Gould, Master Sidney Warshaw, Mr. Aysh Hawke, Mr. Malcolm Fisher, and Mr. W. J. Evennett. "The Swing of the Pendulum" also gave scope for the varied talents of the company, the play being distinguished by crisp and witty dialogue and skilful characterisation. Miss Lilian Ramford gave a most womanly reading of Esther Harland; capital work was also done by Mr. E F. Crome and Mr. Aysh Hawke. Miss Cecilia Gould made an admirably cunning French maid, but one or two otherwise effective situations were completely marred by the over-acted "low comedy" of Mr. Percy Harford. The music of the evening was ably contributed by the Premier Orchestra, conducted by Mr. P. Abrahams, L.A.M., and credit is also due to the stage management of Mr. Toplis, Mr. Ernest Warshaw, and Mr. Lionel E. Cohen.

There is a complete change in the vaudeville acts at the London Opera House this week. Mr. Tom Elder Hearn introduces a new protean entertainment entitled "The Romance of a Studio," in which he presents a series of disappearing and reappearing illusions. Mr. Dan Leno, junior, amuses the audience quite as much by his own merits as a comedian and dancer, as by his remarkable resemblance to his late father. The novel method in which the moving pictures are displayed, by which all rays of light are excluded from the auditorium, as well as their size, steadiness, and, clearness have quite "caught on." The pictures are changed twice every week.

On Wednesday week, at the Dome, Brighton, Mr. Lionel Levinson met with great success as solo pianist in Tchaikovsky's Concerto in B flat minor for pianoforte and orchestra, in which he was admirably supported by the Municipal Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. H. Lyell Tayler. Mr. Levinson, who has given previous proofs of his genuine artistic gifts at minor concerts, interpreted Tchaikovsky's beautiful but exacting work with singular power and command of technical and emotional expression, and was accorded an enthusiastic reception at the close of the performance. His further contributions to the programme included a Scherzo and Nocturne of Chopin, which were also well rendered.

The interesting announcement has been made that the Executive of the National Union of School Orchestras is organising a concert which will be held, on Thursday evening, the 30th inst., at the People's Palace, and at which 250 Jewish children, representing twenty schools, will render concerted and individual items

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on the violin. Under the auspices of the Union special facilities are offered in some twenty-five schools in the East End to scholars to learn to play the violin, and it is not surprising that a large number of Jewish boys have availed themselves of these violin classes. It is interesting to mention that the Union offers a handsome shield each year for competition among these schools, and that for the second time the Baker Street School Orchestra, composed entirely of Jewish boys, have gained this coveted trophy. The Jewish boy and girl violinists were greatly disappointed recently at being debarred, owing to the Sabbath, from taking part in the concert at the Crystal Palace, in which representatives of schools throughout the kingdom participated. However, they will have plenty of opportunity of demonstrating their instrumental ability at the forthcoming concert (at which, several well-known vocalists and instrumentalists will appear), which will be attended largely by the parents and relatives of the youthful artists.

In addition to the Jewish Girls' Clubs named in this column last week, the Kilburn Recreation Club will take part in the St. Cecilia Song Festival, to be held to-morrow evening.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Miss Violet Manica is playing with great success the name part in the pantomime "Cinderella" at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin. Very eulogistic notices of her performance have appeared in the local press and in the leading London theatrical papers.

Mr Bert. Edwards (son of the late David Swaebe, of Bishopsgate) has been very successful at the Theatre Royal, Brighton, as Peter, in the pantomime of "Jack and the Beanstalk."

Miss Hanid Alexander sails from Southampton next Saturday for South Africa. She is booked for S. Hyman and Co.'s tour.

Miss Elsa Dane (Miss Gladys Haysack) and Mr. Jack Granville, the girl, the boy, and the piano, have appeared with great success the last four weeks at the Empire Theatre, Bristol, Bedford Theatre, Camden Town, Court Theatre, Brighton, and the Hippodrome, Poplar. Whilst at the latter house, they were also deputed to take the place of Mendel at the Islington Empire from Wednesday until the end of last week and did so with great success. On the 27th inst. they have a return engagement at King's Hall, Dover. The papers speak very highly of this new turn.

A film is now being handled by the Philograph Film Bureau under the title of "Benjamin's Career." Benjamin, a Jewish boy, leaves his parents' home in Galicia and on his journey saves the daughter of a rich landowner from whom he accepts a loan. With this he builds up a fortune and at length returns to repay the loan and make the girl he saved his wife. This picture will be shown at the Grove Picture Palace, Westbourne Grove, next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuneful music, dainty dances, rollicking fun and elaborate dresses and scenery are the dominating features of the pantomime "Aladdin," which will be seen next week at the Hackney Empire. This production, which owes its conception to the united efforts of Mr. Charles Austin, the popular comedian, and Messrs. Duncan and Godfrey, the well-known coster duo, will be presented in ten picturesque scenes. Not the least interesting feature of the production will be a novel musical speciality by Harry Morris, the one-man band. The variety section of the programme will include John Weil, the Continental talking prestidigitateur; and J. P. Carroll, the soldier tambourinist.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Franken's first musical reception of the season took place on Sunday last at 52, St. Gabriel's Road, Cricklewood. Dr. M. Gaster (the Haham) and Drs. Daiches and Büchler were present. The artists were: Misses Mary and Elsie Cohen, Mr. Weinberger (violin), Misses D. Bromet and Horsford and Mrs. Weinberger (songs), Mr. Hamburg (cello), Mrs. Leon and Mr. T. Willord (recitation); piano, Mrs. Harriet Cohen and Mrs. T. Franken.

Miss Vera Moore will sing all next week at Bristol.

BEIS MACHSA SOCIETY.—A dinner and ball were held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, the 8th inst., in aid of the funds of the Society, and were fairly well attended. Capt. E. Monteagle Browne, the Conservative candidate for Whitechapel, was in the chair, and after proposing the loyal toasts he touched on the excellent work the Society was doing in assisting the poor, irrespective of creed, giving immediate relief to those who were in need, without waiting several days for enquiries to be made, during which time the applicants might be starving. The relief consisted of bread, coals, clothing, blankets, grocery, and medical aid, as well as motzas and other necessities for passover. Mr. M. Da Costa (the Chairman of the Society) gave a sketch of the daily occurences at Booth Street (the headquarters of the Society) and impressed upon his hearers the necessity for further funds, as hundreds of women were being at present turned away without relief for themselves or their children, owing to the lack of money. The Chairman announced that the dinner and ball had the effect of adding £60 to the funds of the Society.

HOME AND HOSPITAL FOR JEWISH INCURABLES.—An excellent concert was given last Sunday by Mr. Reginald Roselli. The following gave their valuable assistance:—The Eltham Orchestral Society, under the direction of Mr. Ernest Leeds; Messrs. Ivor G. Walters, Shapespeare and W. Edwards; Miss M. Law and Miss B. Jeffries; Mr. Mr. G. F. Kahn was accompanist; Mr. R. Roselli presided. A vote of thanks to the organiser and artists was proposed by Mr. J. M. Ansell.

MR. GABRIEL COSTA contributed an article on the "Coming Chief Rabbi" to the *Daily News and Leader* of Friday last.

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SATURDAY EVENING, at 8.30, MAURICE MOSCOWITCH in R. Friedman's version of Richard Voss' greatest work,
"DANIEL DANIELI."
See what the *Standard* newspaper, dated Saturday, January 18th, has to say about Mr. Moscowitch and his production of "Daniel Danieli."
Prices: Boxes, £1 1s. and 10s. 6d., Fauteuils, 2s. 6d. and 2s., Grand Circle, 2s. 6d., 2s., and 1s. 6d., Pit Stalls, 1s. 6d. (all seats reserved). Unreserved: Circle, 1s., Pit, 9d., (late doors), 6d., Gallery, 6d. and 4d. No Booking Fees.

Sports and Pastimes.

Well Earned.

On Wednesday evening next, the evening of the Jewish Athletic Association's prize distribution, a well earned and much coveted reward will be offered to D. Schneider, of Victoria Club, who will receive the C. B. Fry cup and medal, which are awarded to the best all-round sportsman in the Association. He is 18½ years of age, and his record is a splendid one. He was in the 1st XI. of his club in Football and Cricket, was first in the Junior Section of the Marathon, second in the half-mile in the J.A.A. Sports, and he also entered for the mile. In Swimming he came first in the six lengths under 19, and was in the winning team. The representative of his club states he is a thorough sportsman and an excellent member. Schneider is an old boy of Berner Street School, where he received his earliest sports training and obtained a number of prizes in the School Section. It is gratifying to see that boys who take up sports in the School Section continue their interest in this direction in the Club Section.

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The Trophies.

Among the clubs the Old Boys stand first, having secured five trophies—Football 2nd Division, Cricket 1st Division and 2nd Division, Sports, Senior Section, and Marathon, Senior Section. The last trophy, which is awarded for the best aggregate, has been held by them for the past three years. They also share the *Daily Telegraph* Cup for swimming with the North London Junior Union, and this is the first time in four years that their undivided possession of this trophy has been challenged. The North London Club has gained possession of a J.A.A. trophy for the first time, and we trust that it will be the precursor of other similar successes which the keenness of its members warrants. Victoria and Stepney have each done very well, the former securing the Marathon and Swimming Trophies (Junior Section), and the C. B. Fry Cup, and the latter the 4th Division Football and the 3rd and 4th Division Cricket. Of the other trophies, the Jews' Free School Old Boys have secured the 1st Division Football and Brady Street the 3rd Division Football. West Central Lads' have again won the Junior Section Sports Trophy and have established a Club record in having held this trophy for 6 years in succession.

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The Schools.

In the Girls' School Section, Old Castle Street stands *facile princeps.* They have again secured the swimming trophy for the highest aggregate points, this being the eighth year in succession that they have held the trophy, truly a remarkable achievement. The school has also won the new swimming trophy for the champion team; and shares the hockey trophy with Stepney Central, and the netball trophy with the Jews' Free School Girls. The Rutland Street School girls have won the D'Avigdor Goldsmid sport trophy for the second year in succession. Among the boys schools Stepney Central stands first, having obtained the sports trophy, the swimming trophy for the highest aggregate points, the Champion Swimming Team Trophy and the Second Division Cricket. The Jews' Free School Graded Department has secured the 1st Division Cricket and Football Trophies. South London Jewish Schools has obtained the 2nd Division Football Trophy. Betts Street School, one of the later members of the Section, has secured the 3rd Division Football Trophy and shares the 3rd Division Cricket Trophy with Commercial Street L.C.C. School. Betts Street School's successes are its first in the J.A.A. The School goes up into the Second Division both in Cricket and Football.

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Champions.

In the Club Section only the swimming and Marathon prizes will be awarded, the sports prizes having been presented on the date of the event by Lady Swaythling. Among the swimmers who have won two events are M. Jass (North London), S. Shinebaum (Old Boys), J. Stein (Victoria), and F. Caplan (Stepney), and D. Schneider (Victoria).

In the Girls' School Section, J. Green (Commercial Street School) gains three medals or prizes for swimming; but the undoubted champion of the year is S. Levy (Old Castle Street School), who has gained five medals and prizes, three for swimming and two for sports. When it is mentioned that sixty-six prizes altogether for sports and swimming are divided among twenty-three schools, it will be seen that the girl who alone secures five has done remarkably well.

In the Boys' School Section, the champions have been produced by Stepney Central School. W. Spindall has secured three swimming prizes, W. Caplan one sports and one swimming prize, and I. Rosenbaum three swimming prizes. All these boys come from Stepney Central, as does the champion of the year, C. Posner, who carries off six medals and prizes. Two are sports prizes, three are for swimming, and one for representing the J.A.A. in the match against the Tower Hamlets Schools Football Association. C. Posner has established a record. It is curious to note that nearly every boy in the representative match has won medals or prizes in some other department of sports.

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The Entertainments.

The entertainments will include five items. These are National Dances by Rutland Street and Stepney Central Schools respectively; Irish, Scotch, Spanish, Dutch, etc., songs by Old Castle Street combined choir, and gymnastic displays by the Jews' Free School Boys, and a fancy bout by the Club Section. We are requested to state that tickets of admission can be obtained from the Club representatives.

THE COMING WEEK

PREACHERS FOR TO-MORROW (SABBATH).

GREAT: Rev. I. S. Meisels, for men and women, 1.30.
CENTRAL: Rev. H. Cohen.
NORTH LONDON: Rev. L. Mendelsohn.
DALSTON: Rev. Dayan A. Feldman.
STOKE NEWINGTON: Rev. B. N. Michelson.
ADASS YISROEL: Rabbi Victor Schönfeld, Midrash discourse on בשלח, 4.30.
SUNDERLAND: Rabbi Dr. Salis Daiches, "Bread from Heaven."

⁂ Preachers in London or the Provinces desirous of announcing the subjects of their sermons should send a postcard to reach the JEWISH CHRONICLE offices by noon on Wednesday.

Several interesting functions have been arranged for the coming week.

On Sunday morning, at 11.30, the Jews' Temporary Shelter hold their annual meeting, at the Institution, 80, Leman Street; and at the same hour there will be a gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Asher Isaacs, 53, Russell Square, when a presentation will be made to the veteran communal worker in celebration of his golden wedding. In the afternoon, at 4, the annual distribution of prizes of the West Ham Synagogue Talmud Torah and Sabbath and Religion Classes takes place at the Public Hall, Woodgrange Road. An hour later, a special meeting of seatholders of the Great Synagogue will be held at the Synagogue for the purpose of considering the present *impasse.* In the evening, Herr Nahum Sokolow will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting of the Joint Zionist Council at the Shoreditch Town Hall.

Sir Matthew Nathan will preside at the annual distribution of prizes and trophies of the Jewish Athletic Association, at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on Wednesday evening.

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Saul's sword and jug of water, and did not touch the man who was seeking to slay him. He then went up a hill, and cried aloud and wakened Saul and his body-guard, informing them how his life had been in his hand, but that instead of looking for revenge he had acted with kindness and mercy. The beautiful words spoken by David so softened Saul's heart that he repented of his actions and became friendly with him once more.

The Golden Age.

This little story of David and Saul I consider to be one of the noblest examples of true love towards our fellow-man, especially our enemy, and if it were acted upon by everybody, the world would be full of righteousness, people would have no enemies, everybody would work in harmony, and the wish of the Almighty for His people to be kind and just would be fulfilled to the highest degree.

HOME'S BEST.

"East, West, hame's best!" runs the Scottish proverb. Our Rabbis, who set such store by home life, have many sayings to similar effect. In a Midrash on the Book of Lamentations it is said: "When a child has to contend with trouble abroad, it remembers pathetically the happiness of the paternal home." In the Talmud it is said: "Even a dog away from home will not bark for seven years." In the sayings of Rabbi Eliezer it is said that to be robbed of one's home is so great a misfortune, that language cannot express it. The Rabbis cleverly explain the words המלכות שלך היא as implying that one's own possessions are royal. In a Midrash on the passage wherein Abraham gives instructions for a wife to be selected for Isaac in his own country the Rabbis say that one should seek one's sustenance in one's own land. "A pint at home," they say, "is better than a bushel abroad." "In his own home," say the Rabbis, "a weaver is a prince."

PARADISE.

O traveller, who hast wandered far
'Neath southern sun and northern star,
Say where the fairest regions are?

Friend, underneath whatever skies
Love looks in love-returning eyes,
There are the bowers of Paradise.

GIFTS TO AUNTIE'S FUNDS.

YOUNG ISRAEL HOSPITAL FUND:—Frances Levin, 1/-; Harry Maister, 3d.; Teddy Maister, 6d.; Fanny Freeman, 9d.

PENNY DINNERS:—Rosie Berks, 6d.; Solomon Abramson, 1/-; Rebecca Harris, 6d.; Rufus Isaac Lewis, 3d.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMFORT FUND:—Rebecca Harris, 6d.

AUNTIE'S CORRESPONDENCE EXCHANGE.

FRANCES LEVIN, 51, Shaw Street, Liverpool, would like to correspond with an Australian or Canadian niece about 13 or 14 years of age.

RUFUS ISAAC LEWIS, 15, Birch Lane, Longsight, Manchester, would like to correspond with a London nephew aged 11.

RESULT OF THE COMPETITION.

Once more the competition, especially the juniors' section, has proved exceedingly popular and my task in judging the entries has been one of some difficulty.

SENIORS.

The seniors have sent in some capital essays, some of the competitors displaying a critical judgment which shows great promise. I have no hesitation in awarding the prize to

HARRY ALEXANDER (15),
16, South Clerk Street,
Edinburgh,

whose excellently composed essay is printed this week.

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED.—Rosa Burstein, 135, Albany Road, Roath Park, Cardiff, to whom a badge is awarded. She chose the same incident as Harry Alexander.

COMMENDED.—Elias M. Epstein, Liverpool: Arthur Cohen, Wallasey; Florence Robinson, Huddersfield; Michael Zimmerman, Aldgate.

JUNIORS.

The junior competition has served to show how highly some of my readers think of their little paper. The prize is awarded to

OLGA MARCELLE SOMECH (11),
36, Lathom Road, Southport,

whose acrostic on the name Marcelle is "Most attractive religious chats; excellent little letters, etc."

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED:—Badges are awarded to Vera Thompson (10), 177, Fordwych-road, Cricklewood, N.W. ("Vigorously enlisting racial activity"); Samuel Myers (11), 24, Campbell Street, City Road, Bristol ("Stands alone, making universally enthusiastic Leaguers"); Dora Moss (10), 6, De-la-Beche Road, Sketty ("Delightfully organised, remarkably active"); Essie Fink (10), 48, Beaufort Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham ("Every single story is excellent"); Hilda Zimmerman (8), 41, Middlesex Street, E. ("Highly interesting literature! delightfully attractive"); Marjorie Baron (11), 16, Gloucester Road, Finsbury Park, N. ("Makes all readers joyful on reading interesting epistles.")

COMMENDED: Queenie Richer, Manchester; Cyril Baron, Finsbury Park; Annie Ehrlich, Barnsbury; Clarence Polak, Dalston; Myer Maizels, Bradford; Gladys London, W. Hampstead; Ada Cohen, Bow; Ruby Cohen, Highbury; Tudor Baron, Birmingham; Nathan Zimmerman, Aldgate; Sadie Isaacs, Camberwell; Sylvia Wetstein, Hackney.

NOTE:—Several competitors were disqualified by not putting their name, age, and address on their entries.

A NEW COMPETITION NEXT WEEK.

"YOUNG ISRAEL" HOSPITAL FUND.

Auntie is inviting her readers during the present year to subscribe the sum of £30, the interest of which will be devoted every year to the provision of gifts to the children in the Jewish wards of the Metropolitan Hospital at Channcah time.

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THE SNOWFLAKE.

All sheltered by the mother-cloud
The little flake looked down;
It saw the city's seething crowd,
It saw the shining town.

"How fair and far those steeples rise
To greet us, mother dear!
It is so lovely in the skies,
Why do we linger here?

"The north wind says the merry earth
Is full of life and glow;
I long to mingle with its mirth—
O mother! let us go."

The mother-cloud reached out her arm,
"O little flake," quoth she,
"The earth is full of sin and harm,
Bide here, bide here, with me."

But when the pale cloud-mother slept,
The north wind whispered "Fly!"
And from her couch the snowflake crept
And tiptoed down the sky.

Before the Winter's sun his fleet
Brief journey made that day,
All soiled and blackened in the street
The little snowflake lay.

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Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider.—BACON.

Sweetest things turn sourest by their deeds.—
SHAKESPEARE.

The Sabbath is the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week.—LONGFELLOW.

As soon as a man becomes satisfied with himself and what he has done, he has ceased to improve and has begun to degenerate.—G. ELIOT.

Be not ashamed to ask if you doubt; but be ashamed to be reproached for the same fault twice.—EARL OF BEDFORD.

NOTICE.—*All communications in connection with "Auntie's Chat" column must be addressed "__AUNTIE__," "Jewish Chronicle" Office, 2, Finsbury Square, London, E.C. All other communications must be addressed to __THE EDITOR__, "Jewish Chronicle," 2, Finsbury Square, London, E.C.*

AUNTIE'S CHAT.

To-morrow in synagogue we read the portion of the Law which contains the Song of Moses at the Red Sea. To-morrow is known as שבת שירה, "The Sabbath of Song." It is usual to rise during its recital, and a special melody is used in chanting it. Some congregations employ the famous old Portuguese tune, which has a splendid swing in it, and is probably one of the oldest synagogue melodies extant.

Moses at the Red Sea.

The account given in the Book of Exodus of the redemption at the Red Sea possesses a peculiar fascination for me. The narrative is so vivid, the action so dramatic, and there are many little human touches which invest the story with special charm, terrible though it is in the event which it describes. Moses had a very difficult task. The people were not yet sure of themselves, and they were still less sure of Moses' ability to lead them to safety. It was true he had brought them forth at the dead of night unmolested, but when the host of Pharaoh drew in sight near Baalzephon, we can understand their fears.

A Pathetic Cry.

There is real pathos in the reproaches which they heap on Moses' head. "Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? Wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to bring us forth out of Egypt?" We can imagine them shaking their fists in despairing rage at Moses when they remind him of the warnings they had given him, and of the reluctance with which they had agreed to follow him. "Is not this the word that we spake unto thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians? For it were better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

Moses' Reply.

Dignified and forceful was Moses' reply. His trust in the right hand of God was greater than that of his followers, and he doubtless foresaw the manner in which the people would be saved. The strong east wind that

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made the narrow neck of the sea fordable by a light-footed host unencumbered by much baggage or chariots would drop and the waters would return to overwhelm the pursuing army. We can picture him with arm upraised and eyes flashing with prophetic fire. "Fear ye not," he exclaims, to calm the tumult around him. "Stand still," he bids them, as they rush excitedly hither and thither. "Stand still," he says, "and see the salvation of the Lord which he will work for you to-day." The people are awed into silence. Then raising his voice and pointing to the Egyptians on the horizon, he tells the people, "The Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever." An incredulous murmur breaks over the crowd, but the voice of the prophet is heard above the din. "The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace."

"Go Forward."

At this stage the Bible gives us a magnificent insight into one of the great religious truths which Judaism teaches. This truth may best be expressed by the homely adage, "God helps those that help themselves." Our Heavenly Father works with human instruments, and it is useless to sit still and wait for Providence to intervene. "Who would be free himself must strike the blow" it has been wisely said, and therefore the Bible tells us that "The Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward." Then the great miracle was consummated. The Israelites successfully pass the watery barrier with the Egyptians in hot pursuit. But wind and tide turn. The chariots stick in the sand. The Egyptians can neither go backwards nor forwards. The waters rush upon them and in one fell moment the Israelites witness the destruction of their oppressors. "Seeing is believing," says the proverb, and the distrustful Israelites who had lost faith in God and Moses believe at last. "And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians, and the people feared the Lord: and they believed in the Lord, and in his servant Moses."

The Song.

The song of Moses is a fine piece of literature though it is very terrible in its rejoicing over the downfall of the power of Egypt. Where it praises God it rises to heights of real lyrical beauty. "The Lord is my strength and song and he is become my salvation. This is my God and I will praise Him; my fathers' God and I will exalt Him." The Bible has many beauties if we would only seek them. And I hope you all will look for these literary treasurers in the Book of Books.

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Our principles are the springs of our actions, our actions the springs of our happiness and our misery. Too much care, therefore, cannot be employed in forming our principles.—SKELTON.

Auntie's
Letter
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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS. — All letters must be signed in full, and reference made in the body of the letter to any enclosure. Colonial stamps cannot be used. *Postal Orders should not be filled in.*

Manny and Isaac Gottleib, Kennington: You will see that your gift has been acknowledged.

Frances Levin, Liverpool:—

DEAR AUNTIE,—I have not written to you for such a long time that I think you must have forgotten me altogether by now. I first left off writing to you because I was too busy with school, and after that I was not courageous enough to start after such a long stoppage. I really think I would be a hypocrite, reading and taking such an interest in "Young Israel" without writing to you when I have time. I would very much have liked to go in for this competition, but I am too late. The League is becoming awfully big, and I wonder if it will ever be big enough to have a paper of its own, quite independent of any other. We had our prize-giving a short time ago, and I was awarded a certificate for needlework. Dear Auntie, would you please put in your "Correspondence Exchange" that I should like to correspond with a Canadian or Australian girl cousin about thirteen or fourteen years old. I am sending a shilling for the "Young Israel" Hospital Fund. I am glad the League has so many Funds and I hope that it will always be able to do such a lot of good. I am afraid I have been writing too long a letter, so I will conclude, with love from

Your affectionate niece,
FRANCES LEVIN.

I am glad you have written me again. Yes, the League is growing splendidly. Many thanks for your gift.

Julia Lassman, Stepney:—

DEAR AUNTIE,—I have been a constant reader of the JEWISH CHRONICLE, and I should pleased if you would enrol me as a member of your League. I attend the Christian Street Day School, and am in Standard ex-7, also at the Christian Street Higher Graded Hebrew Classes, where I am in Class 2 I am thirteen years old, and will be fourteen on the 30th of April. I spoke to Mr. Salomons, our Superintendent, about forming the League in our school, and I am pleased to say he has taken my advice and done so. Each class has its own President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and I have been chosen Secretary. At our day school we celebrated our fifth annual of the Alexandrian League, which was held on the 10th day of December. Wishing the League, its nephews and nieces and yourself every success.

I remain,
Your affectionate niece,
JULIA LASSMAN.

P.S.—Enclosed coupon for membership card.

Welcome to the League. It is so nice to be able to welcome another Christian Street pupil, and I am glad your idea has borne such good fruit. I shall expect your help for my new fund.

Arthur Cohen, Wallasey: I am glad you have entered for the competition. No, I have not read the book you mention. What is it about?

Isabelle Karsus, Stepney:—

DEAREST AUNTIE,—I have read your little paper over and over, and should love to become the niece of so kind an auntie. I have won many beautiful prizes at my school, and have never had a bad mark, and all my teachers, whom I respect deeply, say that I am a most promising pupil. Of course, dear Auntie, modesty forbids me to agree but might I become a member, dear Auntie, on the strength of these recommendations? What a lot of cousins I should have! How I love your sweet Chats! I hurry home from school every Friday night to see what you have written. I have three kittens at home, they are too sweet for anything. I love pets, and I have also two dear little rabbit

and a canary, who sings most beautifully. Our house has a lovely garden, and the snowdrops are just peeping their heads out. Dear Auntie, I must close now with love.

Your most affectionate future niece.
ISABELLE KARSUS.

Send me a coupon. You write a nice letter, and I am pleased to see you are a lover of animals.

Rosie Berks, Mile End: I am glad you have enjoyed your holiday. Don't keep me waiting so long for a letter again. Thanks for your gift.

Harry Maister, Stoke Newington: I am glad you like the certificate. My best thanks to you and Teddy for your kind help. I hope your baby sister will join the League when she is old enough.

Sadie Isaacs, Camberwell: I am glad you have entered for the competition, and am interested to hear you are a friend of Netta Rosenbaum. Your writing is quite good.

Fanny Aldstein, Stepney: Welcome to the League.

Kate Holland, Stepney: Welcome to another Christian Street recruit!

Leah Lepick, Hull: I am glad you have tried for the competition. Thanks for your promise of help to my new fund.

Solomon Abrahamson, Newry:—

DEAR AUNTIE,—Please find enclosed a P.O. for one shilling for the Penny Dinner Fund, which I saved from my pocket-money. It was a great temptation, but anytime I wanted to buy anything I remembered the poor starving Jewish children of London who wanted a dinner

Your loving nephew,
SOLOMON ABRAHAMSON.

Many thanks for your gift, which is given in the right spirit.

Ada Cohen, Bow: You must have made a nice fairy!

Rebecca Harris, Dalston: I shall be glad to welcome your niece. Many thanks for your gift.

Irene Sumburg, Burslem:—

DEAR AUNTIE,—Will you kindly accept me as one of your nieces. I have read "Young Israel" for a long time, and have always enjoyed reading your Chats and the letters from your nieces and nephews. I live in Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, where the principal industry is pottery manufacturing, and the greatest portion of the people are interested in works of art. I am twelve years of age, and have three younger sisters and one brother. I am a pupil of the Municipal Secondary School, and am in the Form "IIe." I have been attending this school for one term, and am now getting quite used to the work and regulations, and like the school very much. The scholars who attend the school have to work very hard, our mistresses being very strict and determined, but we also have plenty of recreation, such as gymnasium and all kinds of games dealing with the ball. This makes me think that the old saying, "Work while you work and play while you play is the only way to be happy and gay," is quite true. Now, Dear Auntie, I have nothing more to tell you, so good-bye or "Au revoir."

I am, your loving niece,
IRENE SUMBERG.

I am glad to see you take your school-life seriously. Welcome to the League.

Ettie Benson, Bloomsbury:—

DEAR AUNTIE,—I am very pleased to see that your League is increasing so quickly. You have quite a lot of Christian Street boys and girls. I think your proposition is splendid about the hospital children. I will try to send something next week if possible. What nice letters Rosa and Ella Burstein write, do they not? I do not think I have any more to write at present, so I will close with kindest regards to you and your ever-increasing League.

I remain, your loving niece,
ETTY BENSON.

Many thanks for your nice letter. I am glad you approve of the new fund. It is a real pleasure to find the League members rallying to my support.

Rufus Isaac Lewis, Manchester: I am glad you are better. I am happy to enter your request in the "Correspondence Exchange."

Fanny Freedman, Stoke Newington:—

DEAR AUNTIE,—I am sending you 9d. in stamps for the fund you have recently opened. I think the poor children in the hospital will be very pleased when Chanucah comes and they are handed their presents. Wishing the League every success,

I remain, your loving niece.
FANNY FREEMAN.

Many thanks for your gift. Yes, I hope that the poor children will have cause every year to be grateful to the League.

Rosie Prince, Lower Clapton: I am glad you have entered the competition,

Olga Marcelle Somech, Southport:—

DEAR AUNTIE,—I really must apologise for not writing to you for so long; but to tell the truth, I have been so much occupied with examinations (all of which I have now passed), that I had little time for anything else. I think the new fund is an excellent idea, and to-morrow I will forward some stamps for the new fund and a scarf which I have knitted for the Old People's Comfort Fund. I celebrated my eleventh birthday on Pentecost. Can you not make a final appeal to soften the Editor's heart, and make him let you publish your photograph in "Young Israel," for if you remain wrapped up in mystery much longer, your nephews and nieces will doubt your existence. I am looking forward to receiving my membership card and hope you will send it soon. If I send two entries for the Junior Competition in praise of "Young Israel," one on my first name and another on my second, will it matter? Wishing every success to the League.

I remain, your affectionate niece.
OLGA MARCELLE SOMECH.

P.S.—I am sending you a copy of a little tale which I have made up, as I think you may like to read it?

You are one of many to express interest in the new fund. Many thanks for sending me the story (which I hope to use later on) and for your promise of help.

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THE NOBLEST DEED IN JEWISH HISTORY.

COMPETITION ESSAY.

BY HARRY ALEXANDER (AGE 15).

"So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they were all asleep: because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them." (I. Samuel, xxvi., 12 et. seq.)

It is related in the Talmud that when a certain convert applied to one of our greatest sages, Hillel the Aged, for a short lesson on religious principle, he got the reply "Love thy neighbour as thyself," as this is the foundation-stone on which our holy religion is built. And it is rightly so, for it teaches the duty of mankind, and it maintains a belief in human progress, which compels every individual to strive for the betterment of his fellow-man. By the term "fellow-man" we mean not only a person for whom we have a liking, but also our greatest enemy, one who may have done us injury, or who may be seeking to do so when the opportunity arises; for it is the duty of mankind to forgive and forget, and to love the enemy in the time of his need, when human nature would use the power of revenge. It is in a time such as this that we have to conquer such evil power, and obey the command "Love thy neighbour as thyself," or "Do not to your neighbour what you would not like to be done to you," or "Feed thy enemy who is hungry." This is a beautiful teaching of morality, and if we keep it in mind it is bound to guide us in the right path, and the enemy must, of necessity, become a friend.

David and Saul.

What more beautiful example of all this could be taken than the history of David and Saul in the Book of Samuel, chapter 26, when King Saul hunted after David and wished to slay him without any reason? While David was hidden among the hills, a deep sleep fell upon Saul and his bodyguard, and David descended, and, though urged by his companion, Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, to take his enemy's life while he had the chance, he refused to do so, and contented himself with